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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016, 9:30 A.M.**

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS.

7 WELCOME TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

8 OF FEBRUARY THE 23RD, 2016. OUR MEETING WILL NOW COME TO

9 ORDER. I'D LIKE TO INVITE DR. ANTHONY L. DOCKERY, PASTOR OF

10 ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN LA PUENTE, TO LEAD US

11 IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED THIS MORNING BY

12 NICK PLANG CHANG, FORMER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, UNITED STATES

13 NAVY. HE'S NOT HERE, I'M SORRY. WE WILL HAVE DIMITRI FROM

14 MILITARY VETS, PROVIDE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. WITH THAT,

15 MEMBERS, PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR PRAYER.

16

17 **DR. ANTHONY DOCKERY:** FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THIS PRIVILEGE TO

18 COME BEFORE YOU AND TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS MORNING. WE THANK

19 YOU FOR GRACE. WE THANK YOU FOR MERCY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR

20 LOVE. WE THANK YOU FOR FORGIVENESS. THANK YOU FOR THESE BOARD

21 OF SUPERVISORS, THEIR SERVANTS' HEARTS, THEIR WILLINGNESS TO

22 SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY. WE PRAY FOR THEM AS HUSBANDS AND

23 WIVES. WE PRAY FOR THEM AS PARENTS. WE PRAY FOR THEM IN EVERY

24 ROLE THAT THEY POSSESS, THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO GRANT THEM

25 FAVOR AND LEADERSHIP. WE ALSO PRAY FOR THE AGENDA THAT YOU

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1 HAVE SET BEFORE THEM AS YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM AND INSIGHT. YOU
2 SAID IN YOUR HOLY WORD, IF ANY MAN LACK WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF
3 GOD WHO GIVES LIBERALLY AND UPBRAIDETH NOT. SO WE JUST PRAY
4 THAT YOU WOULD SHOWER THAT ON THEM TODAY. WE ALSO THANK YOU
5 FOR THEIR STAFF WHO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES FEVERISHLY TO MAKE
6 SURE THAT EVERYTHING ON THE SURFACE GOES WELL. BLESS AND KEEP
7 THEM AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS, AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR THESE WHO
8 HAVE ASSEMBLED FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BRING
9 BEFORE THE BOARD, THAT YOU BLESS THEIR HOUSEHOLDS. THANK YOU
10 FOR BEING A GRACIOUS AND A LOVING GOD AND MEETING US EXACTLY
11 WHERE WE ARE. NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM
12 FALLING AND TO PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF
13 OUR LORD WITH EXCEEDING JOY, TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOR
14 WHEN WE ALL SAID, AMEN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE REMAIN
17 STANDING. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. FACE THE FLAG
18 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. VETERANS, FEEL FREE
19 TO RENDER A SALUTE. READY. BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
20 RECITED.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE.
23 IT'S MY PLEASURE TODAY TO INTRODUCE DR. ANTHONY L. DOCKERY,
24 THE PASTOR OF STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN LA PUENTE.
25 HE'S HAD A VERY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER. DR. DOCKERY WAS A MEMBER

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1 OF THE CHURCH, ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, FOR 18 YEARS. HE BECAME THE
2 YOUTH MINISTER BACK IN 1999 AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
3 YOUTH IN 2007. HE WAS ELECTED SENIOR PASTOR IN 2008. DR.
4 DOCKERY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND THE
5 CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD FOR 21 YEARS, WHERE HE WORKED AS
6 AN AIRCRAFT ELECTRICIAN AND THEN KC-135-R PILOT. HE RECEIVED A
7 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN RELIGION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA
8 VERNE AND ALSO RECEIVED A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY AND A DOCTORATE
9 OF MINISTRY FROM GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. IN
10 ADDITION TO HIS FULL-TIME PASTORAL DUTIES, DR. DOCKERY
11 CURRENTLY SERVES AS TRUSTEE AT CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
12 IN RIVERSIDE AND HE ALSO SERVES AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT
13 SERENITY INFANT CARE HOMES IN COVINA, AND ON THE STRATEGIC
14 PLANNING AND MARKETING COMMITTEE FOR CITRUS VALLEY HEALTH
15 PARTNERS IN WEST COVINA. WE ARE VERY PROUD THAT YOU'RE HERE
16 WITH US TODAY AND WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF
17 RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR YOUR
19 LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED,
20 MEMBERS.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
23 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3
24 REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, WE WILL HOLD FOR A REPORT. ON PAGE 4,
25 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COMMUNITY

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1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D, A MEMBER OR
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
3 7, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6, ON ITEM NO. 2, THE
4 ACTING DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
5 REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE AND ON ITEM NO. 5, THE DIRECTOR OF
6 PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 22,
7 2016 WITHOUT DISCUSSION. THE REMAINING PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE
8 HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 10, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 17, ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISORS
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
11 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE
12 YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
15 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 14, CONSENT
18 CALENDAR, ITEMS 18 TO 21. ON ITEM NO. 18, A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE
20 INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 1, 2016. ON ITEMS 20 AND 21, A
22 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
23 HELD. ON PAGE 15, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 22. ON
24 ITEM NO. 22, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
25 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 1, 2016. ON PAGE 16,

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1 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
2 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 17, ITEMS CONTINUED
5 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY
6 THE BOARD, ON ITEM NO. A-5, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT.
7 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. ALSO ON ITEM C.S.-1,
8 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT
9 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. MEMBERS, THIS
14 MORNING I'D LIKE TO BEGIN MY BOARD PRESENTATIONS. I'D LIKE TO
15 ASK FOR THE Y.O.L.A., YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF LOS ANGELES, TO COME
16 AND JOIN ME HERE. AT THE DAIS. THIS IS A REALLY EXCITING TIME,
17 I THINK, FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND AS PEOPLE ARE COMING UP, PLEASE
18 GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SOME OF YOU
19 MIGHT RECALL THAT JUST A FEW SUNDAYS AGO, THE ENTIRE NATION
20 AND ACTUALLY THE WORLD GOT A GLIMPSE OF THE FABULOUS YOUTH
21 ORCHESTRA OF LOS ANGELES KNOWN AS Y.O.L.A. VON MILLER MAY HAVE
22 ONE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER FOR THE 2016 SUPER BOWL, BUT Y.O.L.A.
23 DESERVES AN M.V.P., MOST VALUABLE PERFORMERS. GIVE THEM A
24 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WHOO, THEY HELPED US HERE. [APPLAUSE.] THE
25 PEOPLE THAT RUN THE PROGRAM THAT TRAVELED TO SAN FRANCISCO,

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1 Y.O.L.A. EXPO, ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. AND JOINED BY
2 OTHER MEMBERS OF Y.O.L.A., HOLA, Y.O.L.A. AND L.A.C.H.S.A.
3 THROUGH RENOWNED ARTIST GUSTAVO DUDAMEL'S VISIONARY EFFORT,
4 INSPIRED BY VENEZUELA'S REVOLUTION, EL SISTEMA, THE L.A. PHIL
5 AND ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDE FREE INSTRUMENTS, INTENSIVE
6 MUSIC TRAINING, AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FROM
7 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. THE Y.O.L.A. PROGRAMS DON'T JUST
8 PRODUCE TALENTED MUSICIANS, RATHER, THESE GIFTED YOUNG PEOPLE
9 BECOME VITAL CITIZENS, LEADERS AND CHANGE AGENTS IN OUR
10 COMMUNITY. THROUGH Y.O.L.A., STUDENTS AGES SIX-- AND I HAVE TO
11 SAY SIX BECAUSE THAT'S PRETTY DARN YOUNG-- TO 18 ARE PROVIDED
12 A STRONG MUSICAL AND SOCIAL FOUNDATION FOR UP TO 15 HOURS A
13 WEEK IN PROGRAMMING. Y.O.L.A. SITES ARE FOUND IN SOUTH LOS
14 ANGELES, THE RAMPART DISTRICT AND EAST L.A. AND STUDENTS FROM
15 MORE THAN 200 AREA SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE. INTENSIVE MUSIC
16 STUDY IS COMPLEMENTED BY ACADEMIC SUPPORT, LEADERSHIP
17 OPPORTUNITIES. PARENT WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCE. AND HERE IN
18 LOS ANGELES AND EVEN AROUND THE WORLD. IF MUSIC IS THE
19 UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE, THEN THESE AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE
20 UNIVERSAL VOICES. PLEASE JOIN ME IN ENCOURAGING ALL OF THEM
21 AND OUR STAFF AND THE FOLKS THAT MAKE THIS REALLY HAPPEN. A
22 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **MITZI LIZARRAGA:** THANK YOU. I'M MITZI LIZARRAGA, THE PRINCIPAL
25 OF L.A.C.H.S.A., THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE

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1 ARTS. WE ARE REALLY THRILLED AND PLEASED THAT THE BOARD OF
2 COUNTY SUPERVISORS WOULD RECOGNIZE THE GOOD WORK OF THE
3 Y.O.L.A. PROGRAM, THE THREE Y.O.L.A. PROGRAMS. EVERY DAY I SEE
4 LITTLE ONES COMING THROUGH OUR DOORS. AND THEY COME TO LEARN
5 MUSIC, BUT THEY ALSO DEVELOP AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF SELF-
6 CONFIDENCE. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR RECOGNIZING OUR
7 WORK AND THANK YOU AGAIN.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. LET'S TAKE A PHOTO. SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH, WILL YOU JOIN US? THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO
13 ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD PRESENTATION KNOWN AS THE ANNUAL
14 BOOKMARK CONTEST FOR FEBRUARY 23RD, 2016. I MENTIONED EARLIER
15 THIS MORNING, AT A RECEPTION THAT WE HELD HERE ON THE EIGHTH
16 FLOOR, THAT TODAY WE'RE CELEBRATING THE WINNERS OF THE 36TH--
17 36TH ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? 36 YEARS? CAN YOU
19 IMAGINE THAT? OUR FIRST WINNERS ARE NOW OLD ENOUGH TO BE
20 PARENTS OF TODAY'S WINNERS. AND ABOUT 10,000 YOUNG PEOPLE,
21 CHILDREN, HAVE ENTERED THE CONTEST THIS YEAR FROM LIBRARIES
22 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL OF THE CHILDREN CREATED
23 ORIGINAL BOOKMARKS DESIGNED TO REPRESENT THEIR LOVE OF BOOKS,
24 READING AND HISTORY. AND THIS YEAR'S THEME IS: TICKET TO
25 ADVENTURE. BOLETO A LA AVENTURA. TICKET TO ADVENTURE. I LIKE

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1 THAT. READING IS OUR TICKET TO ADVENTURE, AS YOU KNOW. SO I
2 GUESS THAT MAKES OUR FANTASTIC COUNTY LIBRARIES A SORT OF
3 TRAVELOCITY OF ADVENTURE. TODAY WE HAVE WITH US THE WINNERS
4 WHOSE BOOKMARK ENTRIES WERE SELECTED BECAUSE OF THEIR
5 ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY. IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL GIFTS THAT
6 THEY RECEIVE FROM THE LIBRARY, THEIR BOOKMARKS WILL BE PRINTED
7 BY PANTELL ARTS, THE CO-SPONSOR OF TODAY'S PROGRAM. LET'S GIVE
8 ALL OF THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO WANT TO
9 GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THEIR PARENTS, THEIR GRANDPARENTS AND TO
10 THEIR LOVED ONES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THEM. SO IF YOU COULD
11 LIFT YOUR HANDS SO WE CAN SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU FOR
12 COMING OUT HERE TODAY. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.] TODAY WE'RE
13 GOING TO START BY INTRODUCING THE WINNERS FROM THE FOURTH
14 DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO COULDN'T BE WITH US THIS
15 MORNING, SO I'D LIKE THEM TO PLEASE COME FORWARD. SO OUR FIRST
16 INDUCTEE IS JUSTIN TRANH. HE IS THE WINNER OF THE KINDERGARTEN
17 THROUGH SECOND GRADE DIVISION. HE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT THE
18 DIAMOND BAR LIBRARY. A YOUNG MAN, BUT MIGHTY POWERFUL. WHOO!
19 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. NEXT UP IS JULIA MODINA. SHE'S THE WINNER OF
20 THE THIRD AND FIFTH GRADE CATEGORY. SHE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT
21 GEORGE NYE, JR. LIBRARY IN LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ALL RIGHT.
22 BIG SHOUT OUT. [APPLAUSE.] AND NEXT, I'M HONORED TO PRESENT
23 BLESSING KIM. SHE IS THE WINNER OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY,
24 AND SHE ENTERED AT ALONDRA LIBRARY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
25 LAST BUT NOT LEAST FROM THE POWERFUL FOURTH DISTRICT,

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1 CHRISTINA CHI, WHO COULD NOT BE WITH US THIS MORNING, BUT SHE
2 WON THE SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE CATEGORY AND ENTERED
3 THROUGH ARTESIA LIBRARY. LET'S HEAR IT FOR ARTESIA. THANK YOU.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK
5 SUPERVISORS TO ALSO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATIONS. SO I WOULD GO TO
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR HONOREES TODAY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE FIFTH
9 DISTRICT BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS IS, EVELYN CHON, WHO IS A
10 FIRST GRADE STUDENT AT MARTHA BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
11 WINNER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES'' 2015 BOOKMARK CONTEST. SHE
12 ENTERED THE CONTEST AT OUR ROSEMEAD LIBRARY. HER FAVORITE
13 HOBBIES ARE DRAWING AND SINGING AND HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IN
14 SCHOOL IS READING. SHE HOPES ONE DAY TO BECOME A MARINE
15 BIOLOGIST, OR A SINGER. AND YOU CAN DO BOTH. SO ADELYN,
16 CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT IS ASHLEY MCGINN, FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT
17 LONGLEY WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WINNER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 BOOKMARK CONTEST. SHE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT THE EL MONTE
19 LIBRARY. HER FAVORITE HOBBIES INCLUDE DRAWING AND MAKING
20 CRAFTS AND HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL IS ART. SO SHE HOPES
21 ONE DAY TO BECOME AN ARTIST. SO, ASHLEY, CONGRATULATIONS.
22 [APPLAUSE.] LIN QIANHUI IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY BUT SHE IS
23 A 12TH GRADE STUDENT AT SAN GABRIEL MISSION HIGH SCHOOL AND
24 SHE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT OUR TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY. QIANHUI
25 WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT IS HONORED TO BE RECOGNIZED TODAY

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1 AND WE WILL HAVE HER PROCLAMATION SENT TO HER. OH, YOU'RE
2 HERE, GONJI GONJI. I'M GLAD YOU CAME. DAPHNE HUANG IS A FOURTH
3 GRADE STUDENT AT LONGLEY WAY SCHOOL AND WINNER, AS WE SAID.
4 SHE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT OUR TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY BUT SHE WAS
5 UNABLE TO ATTEND TODAY AND WE WILL HAVE HER PROCLAMATION SENT
6 TO HER. VICTORIA CHENG IS A SIXTH GRADE STUDENT AT MARTHA
7 BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WINNER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
8 CONTEST, AND SHE ENTERED AT OUR SAN GABRIEL LIBRARY. HER
9 HOBBIES INCLUDE ART AND MUSIC AND HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IN
10 SCHOOL IS READING AND WRITING. SHE HOPES ONE DAY TO BECOME A
11 FASHION DESIGNER. SO VICTORIA? GONJI GONJI [APPLAUSE.] KAITLYN
12 CHEN IS A STUDENT AT TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL AND WINNER OF THE
13 PUBLIC LIBRARIES' 2015 CONTEST. SHE ENTERED AT OUR LIVE OAK
14 LIBRARY. HER HOBBIES INCLUDE RUNNING, READING AND BIKING AND
15 ONE DAY HOPES TO BECOME A MOVIE EDITOR. SO KAITLIN? GONJI
16 GONJI [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
19 [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE I CALL UP THE FIRST DISTRICT AWARDEES, I
20 ALSO WANT TO INTRODUCE-- AND I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT DOING THIS
21 FROM THE TOP-- BUT WE HAVE A NEW COUNTY LIBRARIAN, AND SHE
22 DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND I WANT TO GIVE HER A MOMENT
23 TO SAY HER GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO ALL OF US. HER NAME IS
24 SKYE PATRICK. AND SHE HAS ONLY BEEN ON FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS--

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1 - THREE WEEKS, OH MY GOD. AND LOOK HOW MUCH FUN. COME ON,
2 SKYE, SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WASN'T PREPARED TO
5 SPEAK BUT I WILL SAY IT'S BEEN SUCH AN AMAZING RIDE ALREADY,
6 THREE WEEKS IN. AND THIS BY FAR IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS
7 THAT I'VE DONE. THESE KIDS ARE AMAZING ARTISTS. AND OUR STAFF
8 HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB AT MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTINUE
9 THIS TRADITION HAVE AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE A PART OF IT
10 TODAY. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, I AM VERY PROUD TO
13 INTRODUCE OUR FIRST DISTRICT HONOREES. AND THE FIRST
14 INDIVIDUAL I'D LIKE TO BRING UP IS BRIANA GALDAMEZ. COME ON,
15 BRIANA. [APPLAUSE.] SHE IS A SECOND GRADER AT MAYWOOD
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ENTERED THE CONTEST AT MAYWOOD CESAR
17 CHAVEZ LIBRARY. ALL RIGHT. ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT
18 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE FELICIA TRUONG. SHE IS A FIFTH GRADER AT
19 SAN JOSE CHARTER ACADEMY AND ENTERED THE CONTEST AT WEST
20 COVINA LIBRARY. THANK YOU. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
21 NEXT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE FELIX ZHOU HE'S A SEVENTH GRADER AT
22 RAMONA SCHOOL. ENTERED THE CONTEST AT ROSEMEAD LIBRARY. THANK
23 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE SO PROUD OF ALL OF THEM AND THEIR
24 PARENTS. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST AN ALUMNI FROM MY OWN HIGH
25 SCHOOL, ORIANA SANCHEZ, WHO IS A SENIOR AT LA PUENTE HIGH

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1 SCHOOL, SHE ENTERED AT THE LA PUENTE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

2 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. NEXT WE WILL RECOGNIZE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
3 FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT AWARDEES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,
6 WHY DON'T WE GIVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
7 THEY ARE HERE. OUR HONOREES ARE ADRIAN ALVAREZ, ROLAND LEWIS,
8 LILY RODRIGUEZ AND AUTUMN WALTERS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
9 INTRODUCE AND CONGRATULATE THESE WINNERS. FIRST I WOULD LIKE
10 TO INTRODUCE MR. ADRIAN ALVAREZ, A SECOND GRADE STUDENT AT
11 PARK WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE ENTERED THE BOOKMARK
12 CONTEST AT GARDENA MAYME DEAR LIBRARY. ADRIAN'S FAVORITE
13 PASTIMES INCLUDE PLAYING THE PIANO WITH HIS BROTHER, READING
14 HIS FAVORITE BOOK "NATE THE GREAT" AND PLAYING MONOPOLY. HE
15 ENJOYS HIS MATH CLASS AND IS DECIDING WHETHER HE WANTS TO BE A
16 FIREMAN OR A DOCTOR WHEN HE GROWS UP. ADRIAN IS JOINED BY HIS
17 PARENTS, GRACIELA AND ERNESTO ALVAREZ AND HIS BROTHERS, TONY
18 AND ANDY. GIVE ADRIAN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BEING HERE.
19 [APPLAUSE.] WELL OUR NEXT HONOREE IS MR. ROLAND LEWIS. HE
20 ENTERED THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT WISEBURN LIBRARY WHERE HE IS
21 CURRENTLY READING "TWO DAYS IN MAY" BY HARRIET PECK TAYLOR.
22 HE'S A THIRD GRADE STUDENT AT THE JUAN DE ANZA ELEMENTARY
23 SCHOOL WHERE HE IS A STRAIGHT-A STUDENT. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF
24 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] HE'S ON THE HONOR ROLL THERE AND IN HIS
25 FREE TIME, ROLAND ENJOYS SWIMMING, PLAYING CHESS. AND HE

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1 DREAMS OF BECOMING A CERTIFIED PALEONTOLOGIST. THIS YOUNG MAN
2 IS JOINED BY HIS PARENTS, KATRINA AND ROLAND LEWIS, AND HIS
3 BROTHER NATE. GIVE ROLAND A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
4 [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE'RE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE LILY RODRIGUEZ.
5 SHE'S HERE WITH US TODAY. SHE ALSO IS A STRAIGHT- A STUDENT,
6 SEVENTH GRADER AT THE ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL AND ENTERED THE
7 BOOKMARK CONTEST AT THE VIEW PARK LIBRARY. LILY ENJOYS
8 COLLECTING STAMPS, PARTICIPATING ON HER STUDENT COUNCIL AND
9 DOING COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH HER CARMELITE GROUP. SHE IS
10 JOINED BY HER PARENTS, SALVADOR AND MARIA RODRIGUEZ AND HER
11 BROTHER MAX. GIVE LILY RODRIGUEZ A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
12 [APPLAUSE.] AND FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'D LIKE
13 TO INTRODUCE YOU TO AUTUMN WALTERS. AUTUMN IS A SENIOR AT
14 CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL ENTERED THE CONTEST AT THE NEWLY
15 RENOVATED CULVER CITY JULIAN C. DIXON LIBRARY. WE MET THIS
16 PAST WEEKEND AT THE DEDICATION OF THAT LIBRARY, AND SHE WAS
17 AWESOME. WE WERE PLEASED TO HEAR HER INSIGHTFUL ESSAY ON THAT
18 OCCASION. AND IT WAS NOTHING SHORT OF AN INSIGHT FROM A YOUNG
19 PERSON THAT OUGHT TO BE CELEBRATED DAY IN AND DAY OUT. MS.
20 WALTERS ENJOYS DRAWING AND MAKING PUZZLES. SHE IS ALSO
21 PRESIDENT OF THE MIME AND THE COMICS CLUB AT HER SCHOOL AND IS
22 AN INTERN AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. SHE IS
23 JOINED BY HER PARENTS, NATALIE AND WAYNE WALTERS, AND HER
24 FAMILY FRIEND BRIAN. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AUTUMN
25 WALTERS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW I THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE ALL OF THE

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1 SECOND DISTRICT WINNERS A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND
2 CONGRATULATE THEM FOR SHARING THEIR TALENT. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SECOND DISTRICT IS IN THE
5 HOUSE, MADAME CHAIR. WE TURN THE MICROPHONE TO YOU. SHEILA
6 JAMES KUEHL IS NOW HERE WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT PRESENTATION.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CAN'T SAY WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST
9 BECAUSE ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB.
10 BUT MAY I ASK MY AWARDEES TO PLEASE COME FROM THE THIRD
11 DISTRICT. SO PROUD OF THEM. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE FOUR
12 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL AWARDEES. THEIR BOOKMARKS ARE
13 EXTRAORDINARY. FIRST, IN OUR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE
14 CATEGORY, VERY, VERY PROUD TO HONOR AND WELCOME AND
15 CONGRATULATE JISHNU MUKHERJEE. HE IS A STUDENT AT WOODLAND
16 HILLS ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ENRICHED STUDIES. AND HIS
17 GUESTS, HIS MOTHER AND FATHER ARE HERE. I SEE THEM LOOKING
18 VERY PROUD. HIS FAVORITE HOBBY-- I MEAN HERE IS A VERY, VERY
19 WELL THOUGHT THROUGH YOUNG MAN-- DRAWING, PAINTING, PLAYING
20 THE PIANO AND THE FLUTE, WRITING, SWIMMING, BASKETBALL,
21 BUILDING LEGOS AND CHOIR. I SEE A MUSICAL THREAD IN THERE. HIS
22 FAVORITE CLASS, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS NOT MUSIC BUT MATH. AND
23 WHAT DOES HE WANT TO BE WHEN HE GROWS UP? AN AIRPLANE DESIGNER
24 AND TEST PILOT, AN ASTRONAUT, SCIENTIST, PHOTOGRAPHER AND
25 CHEF. SEE? WELL-ROUNDED. PLEASE GIVE JISHNU A VERY, VERY BIG

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1 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] OUR SECOND WINNER FROM THE
2 THIRD DISTRICT IS ALEXA RODRIGUEZ. SHE WON IN THE THIRD GRADE
3 THROUGH FIFTH GRADE CATEGORY. SHE IS A STUDENT AT VALOR
4 ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE FIFTH GRADE. SHE ENTERED THE
5 BOOKMARK CONTEST AT TOPANGA LIBRARY. I FORGOT JISHNU ALSO
6 ENTERED THE CONTEST AT TOPANGA LIBRARY. ALEXA'S FAVORITE HOBBY
7 IS DRAWING AND SHE'S ALSO INVOLVED IN TAE KWON DO, SO WATCH
8 OUT, SINCE SHE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. HER FAVORITE CLASS IS ART
9 AND WRITING. AND WHAT SHE WANTS TO BE WHEN SHE GROWS UP? A
10 FASHION DESIGNER. PLEASE CONGRATULATE HER ON HER WONDERFUL
11 BOOKMARK. [APPLAUSE.] OUR THIRD AWARD HE IN THE THIRD DISTRICT
12 STELLA CARR IS A STUDENT AT A.E. WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE
13 SIXTH GRADE. SHE ENTERED THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT MALIBU
14 LIBRARY AND WON IN THE SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE CATEGORY.
15 HER MOTHER AND FATHER ARE HERE. HER FAVORITE HOBBY IS DRAWING.
16 OTHER ACTIVITIES, SOCCER AND TENNIS. HER FAVORITE CLASSES IN
17 SCHOOL ART AND COMPUTERS, WHICH BELIEVE IT OR NOT CAN MANY
18 TIMES GO TOGETHER. AND SHE DREAMS OF BECOMING AN INTERIOR
19 DESIGNER. PLEASE CONGRATULATE STELLA ON HER WONDERFUL
20 BOOKMARK, BEING OUR AWARDEE. [APPLAUSE.] OUR FOURTH AND FINAL
21 AWARDEE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, MELISSA HUERTA, WHO IS A
22 STUDENT AT FAIRFAX HIGH. SHE'S IN THE 11TH GRADE. SHE ENTERED
23 THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY. SHE'S THE
24 WINNER IN OUR NINTH THROUGH 12TH GRADE CATEGORY. HER FAVORITE
25 BOOK, "INVISIBLE MAN" BY RALPH ELLERSON. ONE OF MY FAVORITES,

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1 AS WELL. HER FAVORITE CLASS, PAINTING. AND WHAT SHE WANTS TO
2 BE WHEN SHE GROWS UP, WHICH WILL BE VERY SOON, ACTUALLY, IS A
3 VETERINARIAN. GOOD FOR HER. PLEASE CONGRATULATE OUR WINNER.
4 [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO DRAW YOUR
7 ATTENTION THIS MORNING TO WHAT I THINK IS ONE OF THE MOST
8 MEMORABLE AND HISTORIC TIMES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD. AND
9 I AM VERY PRIVILEGED TODAY TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF
10 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO OUR EXIDE TEAM. AND I'D
11 LIKE TO HAVE THEM PLEASE COME FORWARD AND BE RECOGNIZED BY OUR
12 AUDIENCE AND BY THE BOARD AND BY THE PUBLIC. SOME OF YOU MAY
13 KNOW BY NOW THAT THIS EXIDE ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE
14 NOW IN L.A. COUNTY FOR WELL OVER THREE DECADES CAME TO LIGHT,
15 I THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. AND
16 PART OF IT HAD TO DO WITH THIS BOARD TAKING ACTION AND BY ALL
17 OF US COMING TOGETHER AND SAYING THAT WE CAN FIX PROBLEMS AND
18 MEET THOSE CHALLENGES THAT WE FIND IN OUR DISTRICT. I, AFTER
19 TAKING OFFICE, FOUND OUT THAT THIS FACILITY, THE EXIDE BATTERY
20 RECYCLING FACILITY, HAD BEEN OPERATED FOR 33 YEARS WITH WHAT
21 THEY CALL "A TEMPORARY PERMIT." DURING THAT TIME, THOUGH, WE
22 FOUND THAT MANY, MANY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WERE SEVERELY
23 IMPACTED, HEALTH ADVERSE IMPACTS AND THE LIKE. FINALLY, AFTER
24 MUCH WAS DONE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE FACILITY WAS CLOSED,
25 BUT IT REALLY TOOK A COMMUNITY. IT TOOK MORE THAN JUST OUR

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1 BOARD BUT THE PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC THAT LIVE OUT NEAR THE
2 NEIGHBORING AREA, A SPAN OF ABOUT 1.7-MILE RADIUS WHERE WE
3 KNOW THAT THE MOST IMPACTED FAMILIES RESIDE. BUT IT REALLY,
4 WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE SIZE AND IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT HAD
5 HAPPENED THROUGH THE CITY OF VERNON AND THEN AFFECTED THE
6 SURROUNDING SOUTH EAST COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS EAST LOS
7 ANGELES, YOU'RE TALKING WELL OVER 10,000-- 10,000 HOMES. WELL
8 OVER 200,000, MAYBE 300,000 PEOPLE, WE DON'T KNOW YET. BUT
9 NONETHELESS, TODAY I WANT TO THANK THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR
10 KEEPING THE FAITH AND FOR DOING THEIR JOB AND DOING IT RIGHT
11 AND EVEN HELPING US MEET THAT CHALLENGE AND CONVINCING THE
12 COMMUNITY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS HERE TO REPRESENT
13 THEM. AND I AM HONORED TODAY TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE OUR
14 COUNTY FAMILY, OUR TEAM. WE GET CRITICIZED A LOT FOR NOT DOING
15 SOME THINGS. BUT IN THIS CASE, AT LEAST IT'S A GOOD START. AND
16 HAVING SEEN OUR STAFF WORK TOGETHER SO TENACIOUSLY OVER THE
17 LAST YEAR AND A HALF, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT IT CAUSED SOME
18 ACTION, ACTION THAT ACTUALLY RESULTED, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
19 ONE OF THE LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES OF OUR TIME,
20 FOR THE GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, TO LISTEN TO THE
21 VOICES, TO LISTEN TO OUR APPEALS, TO LISTEN TO OUR FORTHRIGHT
22 MESSAGE FOR PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T HAVE A VOICE. IT RESULTED, AT
23 LEAST FOR THIS TIME, \$176 MILLION TO HELP PROVIDE FOR THE
24 REMEDY TO HELP CLEAN UP THE AREA. NOW, WE KNOW THAT THAT'S A
25 START, BUT IT CERTAINLY ISN'T THE END, AND WE HAVE MUCH MORE

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1 WORK TO PROVIDE. AND I KNOW I COULDN'T DO IT. MY STAFF
2 COULDN'T DO IT. THE RESIDENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT COULDN'T
3 DO IT ALONE. BECAUSE WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE
4 DEDICATED AND VERY, VERY MUCH CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I AM VERY PLEASED THAT SOME OF THESE
6 INDIVIDUALS ALSO ACCOMPANIED US AND 50 RESIDENTS UP TO
7 SACRAMENTO TO GIVE TESTIMONY, TO ACTUALLY ARTICULATE WHAT THE
8 ISSUES ARE TO OFFICE HOLDERS AND TO THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF; AND
9 AS A RESULT, WE SEE OURSELVES TODAY SAYING IT'S A START. \$176
10 MILLION, IT'S A START. AND I HOPE THIS IS A LESSON FOR ALL OF
11 US, WHERE OUR COMMUNITY, TOO, THAT WHEN PEOPLE DO CALL US,
12 THAT WE CAN STAND TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. SO I'M VERY
13 PLEASED TODAY TO INTRODUCE OUR TEAM. AND I REALLY DO WANT TO
14 THANK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM. I REALLY WANT TO THANK
15 HER TEAM AND HER COUNSELS, COUNSELORS, THAT SPENT SO MUCH
16 TIME, HOURS, NUMEROUS HOURS HELPING US TO MAP OUT THE PLAN. I
17 ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND OUR
18 LEADERS THERE THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR GOD
19 KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS. SEE, THEY GOT GRAY HAIR WORKING ON THIS
20 ISSUE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVERALL,
21 BECAUSE THEY DID HELP US ALSO GET INFORMATION OUT TO OUR
22 COMMUNITY. AND I ALSO WANT TO GIVE PRAISE TO OUR SACRAMENTO
23 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES WHO ARE NOT HERE WITH US, BUT BECAUSE
24 THEY KNOW SO MANY WORKINGS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN
25 SACRAMENTO, WERE ABLE TO HELP US WITH THIS PROCESS. SO A SHOUT

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1 OUT TO THEM IF THEY'RE HEARING US AND ALSO TO OUR OUTSIDE
2 LEGAL COUNSEL BECAUSE WITHOUT THEIR TENACIOUS INVOLVEMENT, I
3 KNOW WE WOULDN'T BE HERE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT ARE
4 NOT STANDING HERE BEFORE US BUT HAVE BEEN HERE TO TESTIFY
5 BEFORE, AND THAT IS THE COURAGE OF THE RESIDENTS, THE FAMILIES
6 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED AND OF COURSE FATHER JOHN MORETTA FROM
7 RESURRECTION CHURCH. HE IS ALSO AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. I
8 WILL INTRODUCE EACH OF OUR ADVOCATES BY NAME AND HAVE THEM
9 STEP FORWARD. ANGELO BELLOMO. ROUND OF APPLAUSE. ANGELO? DO
10 YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

11

12 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** I THINK AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED, THIS
13 HAS REALLY BEEN AN EXTENSIVE TEAM EFFORT. BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE
14 BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP SHE BROUGHT TO THIS
15 EFFORT, AND WE'RE VERY THANKFUL. I THINK SOME OF YOU MAY
16 REMEMBER THAT A YEAR AGO, THE FACILITY WAS CLOSED DOWN BY AN
17 AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY. AND THAT WAS STEP
18 ONE. BUT THE OBVIOUS, THEN, THE FOCUS OF OUR COUNTY TEAM WAS
19 TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT MONEY AND TO PRESSURE THE
20 STATE TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK NECESSARY TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE
21 FULL EXTENT OF THIS. I THINK THAT I'M REALLY EXPRESSING THE
22 SENTIMENTS OF OUR ENTIRE PROJECT TEAM WHEN I SAY HOW PROUD WE
23 ARE TO BE STANDING HERE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR, RECOGNIZING WHAT
24 WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
25 LEADERSHIP. CYNTHIA HARDING ISN'T HERE, BUT ON HER BEHALF,

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1 TOO, I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE WE RECOGNIZE YOU FOR THAT. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO I'D ALSO LIKE TO
5 RECOGNIZE BARRY GROBMAN, WHO IS ALSO A KEY LITIGATOR ON STAFF
6 THAT HELPED US WITH THIS. LIZ CORTEZ ALSO. I'D LIKE THEM TO
7 STAND FORWARD SO PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY SEE WHO YOU ARE AND YOUR
8 FACES BECAUSE BEHIND THAT FACE ARE SOME GREAT CHALLENGING
9 INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED US PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER. AND ALSO
10 MARY WICKHAM, OBVIOUSLY, OUR NEW COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR LATEST
11 ADDITION TO THE COUNTY, SHARON REICHMAN, CYRUS RANGAN, WHO WAS
12 JUST OUTSTANDING AT SOME OF OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE PEOPLE
13 WERE SHOUTING AT US AT THE BEGINNING. AND I JUST LOOK BACK AT
14 THOSE DAYS AND THINK, YOU KNOW WHAT, IT WAS WELL WORTH IT
15 BECAUSE AT LEAST THOSE VOICES NOW HAVE BEEN HEARD. CHARLENE
16 CONTRERAS ALSO. DUSAN PAVLOVIC AND CHRISTOPHER KANE, GRACE
17 CHENG. LARRY HAFETZ. JOHN HOLLOWAY, NEW ATTORNEY AND MANUEL
18 RIVAS. THANK YOU ALL, ALL OF YOU, FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR US EVERY
19 SINGLE DAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS,
20 WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS PRESENTATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST WEEK IT'S CUPCAKES. TODAY IT'S DONUTS.
23 WELL, TODAY IS A CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY, OF RECOGNIZING
24 RARE DISEASE DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A RARE DISEASE IS ONE
25 THAT AFFECTS FEWER THAN 200,000 PEOPLE. ROUGHLY 7,000 KNOWN

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1 DISEASES THAT QUALIFY AS RARE. ROUGHLY IN THE UNITED STATES 30
2 MILLION AMERICANS ARE AFFECTED BY RARE DISEASES, MANY OF WHICH
3 HAVE NO KNOWN CURE. PATIENTS ARE TYPICALLY SUFFERING FROM
4 DIAGNOSIS DELAY, DIFFICULTY FINDING A MEDICAL EXPERT, LACK OF
5 ACCESS TO TREATMENT. MANY PATIENTS AND FAMILIES BEAR THE
6 BURDEN OF FUNDING RESEARCH AND RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS TO
7 SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS TO CREATE CURES AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT.
8 ON FEBRUARY 29TH, THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF RARE DISEASES
9 IS ORGANIZING A NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF RARE DISEASE DAY TO
10 RAISE AWARENESS OF THESE DISEASES, PROMOTE EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND
11 FOCUS THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ASSIST AFFECTED PATIENTS AND
12 THEIR FAMILIES. ROXANNE GORZELA IS LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE,
13 COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME, WHICH AFFECTS ROUGHLY, AS I
14 SAID, 200,000 AMERICANS. ROXANNE FOUNDED AN ONLINE FORUM
15 C.R.P.S. FORUM, CRPSFORUM.COM, TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS LIVING
16 WITH C.R.S.P.S. TO CREATE A SUPPORT NETWORK AND TO RAISE
17 AWARENESS. SO WE WANT TO THANK ROXANNE FOR HER TIRELESS
18 EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE SUFFERING FROM RARE DISEASES IN OUR
19 COUNTY AND OUR STATE AND NATION, AND THE MILLIONS WHO ARE
20 AFFECTED AROUND THE COUNTRY. LET ME GIVE YOU PROCLAMATION
21 FIRST AND THEN I'LL ASK YOU TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

22
23 **ROXANNE GORZELA:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE RARE DISEASE
24 COMMUNITY, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 29TH AS

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1 RARE DISEASE DAY. ON THIS DAY, WE WILL RECOGNIZE 30 MILLION
2 AMERICANS LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE. NEARLY HALF OF THOSE
3 AMERICANS ARE CHILDREN, AND THERE ARE ALMOST 7,000 DIFFERENT
4 RARE DISEASES. AS ONE OF THE 30 MILLION AMERICANS LIVING WITH
5 A RARE DISEASE, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
6 THE RARE DISEASE I BATTLE EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY. IMAGINE
7 SOMEONE REPLACING ALL OF THE BLOOD IN YOUR BODY WITH LIGHTER
8 FLUID THEN HAVING IT IGNITED. THIS FIRE DOESN'T EVER RELENT.
9 THERE'S NOTHING THAT RANKS HIGHER ON THE MCGILL PAIN SCALE.
10 NOT CANCER, NOT CHILD BIRTH, NOT AMPUTATION, NOTHING. THIS IS
11 JUST ONE PART OF WHAT IT'S LIKE LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE I'M
12 LIVING WITH. IT'S CALLED COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME OR
13 C.R.P.S., WHICH IS NICKNAMED THE BURNING DISEASE. IT EFFECTS
14 MY ENTIRE BODY, MY CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, SKIN, HAIR, NAILS,
15 BRAIN, HEART, BONES, MUSCLES, EVERY ORGAN, EVERYTHING. WE HAVE
16 FEW TREATMENT OPTIONS AND NO CURE. JUST GETTING DIAGNOSED CAN
17 BE LONG AND ARDUOUS JOURNEY. MANY OF US ARE DISABLED, UNABLE
18 TO WORK AND UNABLE TO LIVE THE LIFE WE ONCE KNEW. MANY ARE
19 UNABLE TO EVEN FIND A DOCTOR WHO KNOWS HOW TO TREAT THEM, WITH
20 THE FEW TREATMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE. I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY
21 EXPERIENCE THAT THERE ISN'T ONE AREA OF MY LIFE THAT HASN'T
22 BEEN CHANGED BY THIS RARE DISEASE AND I WILL BE FIGHTING THIS
23 DISEASE WITH THE HELP OF MY DOCTORS FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
24 I'M THANKFUL FOR A DAY LIKE TODAY. IT GIVES ME HOPE FOR THE
25 FUTURE AND FOR A CURE. I'M THANKFUL FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

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1 AND THE SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN
2 RAISING MUCH NEEDED AWARENESS FOR THE RARE DISEASE COMMUNITY.
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, HELP AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 29TH AS
4 RARE DISEASE DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE TOM AND JERRY. TOM AND JERRY ARE
8 EIGHT WEEKS OLD. JERRY IS THE LITTLE BOY, A TERRIER MIX, AND
9 TOM IS A CHIHUAHUA MIX. ACTUALLY I THINK THEY ARE TOGETHER. SO
10 THESE ARE THE LITTLE CRITTERS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU
11 CAN CALL 562-728-4610. TOM AND JERRY WILL BRING YOU A LOT OF
12 JOY.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE
15 PRESENTATIONS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WILL YOU JOIN ME IN
18 ACKNOWLEDGING, MISS MIA VALADEZ JR., THE BOXING CHAMPION. GIVE
19 HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. SHE'S HERE. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S
20 HERE WITH HER TRAINER, RUDY GARCIA, AND HER FATHER, JUAN
21 CARLOS, AND THE INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR PARKS AND RECREATION,
22 JOHN WICKER. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE A FOUR-TIME JUNIOR NATIONAL
23 BOXING CHAMPION. SHE IS MIA VALADEZ. [APPLAUSE.] AND SHE IS
24 BOTH-- I THINK YOU COULD DO BETTER THAN THAT. SHE IS MIA
25 VALADEZ. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SHE IS

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1 BOTH A BOXER AND A SCHOLAR. SHE IS A SENIOR AT SOUTH GATE HIGH
2 SCHOOL AND WILL BE GRADUATING THIS SUMMER AT THE TOP OF HER
3 CLASS. GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SHE IS
4 TRULY A PART OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY. SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE
5 TINY TOTS PROGRAM AS A TODDLER AT ROOSEVELT PARK AND TRAINED
6 WITH THE SHERIFF'S YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEAGUE, THE BOXING PROGRAM
7 THERE, AFFILIATED WITH THE CENTURY STATION. SHE MAY BE SMALL
8 IN STATURE AND LIGHT ON HER FEET, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT MISS
9 VALADEZ IS A HEAVYWEIGHT BY ANY STANDARD IN HER FIELD. HER
10 DETERMINATION IS EVIDENT. THOUGH ONLY COMPETING SINCE 2012,
11 SHE HAS WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN HER WEIGHT CLASS
12 EVERY YEAR SINCE 2014. AND MISS VALADEZ CONSISTENTLY SHOWS UP
13 TO THE RING IN A VERY BIG WAY, AND HER RECORD SPEAKS FOR
14 ITSELF. LAST MONTH, SHE RECEIVED THE GOLD MEDAL, I REPEAT, THE
15 GOLD MEDAL AT THE JUNIOR OPEN YOUTH NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN
16 RENO, NEVADA. SHE IS NOW PART OF THE NATIONAL TEAM AND WILL
17 REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.
18 AND SHE DREAMS BIG. AND HER EYES ARE SET ON BECOMING THE FIRST
19 MEXICAN AMERICAN FEMALE BOXER TO WIN AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN
20 THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS. [APPLAUSE.] AND SO YOU SHOULD HAVE
21 NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL SEE HER IN TOKYO. MAKING IT THERE WILL
22 TAKE A LOT OF SUPPORT. BUT I KNOW THAT SHE WON'T BE A
23 DISAPPOINTMENT. SHE'S DETERMINED, AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY AND
24 COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CHEERING HER ON, A NUMBER OF WHOM ARE IN
25 THE AUDIENCE TODAY, AND THAT'S THE WIND BENEATH HER WINGS. SHE

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1 IS JOINED ON THE DAIS, AS I INDICATED, BY HER FATHER, JUAN
2 CARLOS AND HER TRAINER, RUDY GARCIA. AND SHE ATTRIBUTES MUCH
3 OF HER SUCCESS TO THE VALUES INSTILLED IN HER BY THESE TWO
4 GENTLEMEN. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR TRAINING
5 SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE YOUNG LADY. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE LOOK FORWARD
6 TO ALL THAT SHE WILL ACCOMPLISH AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
7 FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND INDEED
8 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. NOW WE'LL
9 HEAR FROM THE CHAMPION HERSELF, THE ONE AND ONLY MIA VALADEZ.
10 GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **MIA VALADEZ:** I REALLY WANT TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
13 THIS. AND JOE MENDOZA. AND RAFAEL FOR EVERYTHING. AND MY
14 COACH, OF COURSE. AND MY DAD, AND MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO
15 CAME TO SUPPORT ME. I REALLY JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MY
16 COMMUNITY I THINK THAT WE SHOULD NEVER GIVE UP ON OUR DREAMS
17 AND ALWAYS HAVE THE COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO BE ABLE TO GET
18 TO ANYWHERE YOU WANT [INAUDIBLE]. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH. DREAM FOR WHAT YOU
21 WANT AND GO AFTER IT! SO GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE

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1 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
2 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH A
3 NEED TO ENSURE PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
4 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE
5 PUBLIC, OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
6 ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE
7 DURING TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY
8 THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY
9 WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST
10 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
12 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN
13 A DIALOG WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL
14 OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING
15 PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER
16 ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF ,STAFF
17 OR OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL
18 OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS
19 AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE
20 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN THE
21 CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED
22 FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY
23 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
24 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
25 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
3 HAVE BEEN HELD. FIRST ITEMS BEING HELD ARE DR. GENEVIEVE
4 CLAVREUL, ITEM 18 AND 20. ERIC PREVEN, ITEM 18, 21, 23-A,
5 C.S.-1. AND ARNOLD SACHS, ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 21 AND 23-A, IN THAT
6 ORDER. ERIC PREVEN?

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS
9 ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 21 IS SLIGHTLY
10 PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE IT SEEKS TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES FOR A
11 FEW EMPLOYEES, BUT THERE WAS NO DOCUMENTATION WHATSOEVER
12 AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
13 IDENTIFY THAT INFORMATION. SO I WOULD ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE IT
14 BECAUSE IT OTHERWISE IS JUST SHOOTING IN THE DARK, WHICH SEEMS
15 UTTERLY IMPROPER. ITEM C.S.-1 OBVIOUSLY IS THE STACK. THERE
16 HAS BEEN A NEW PROTOCOL OF PUTTING MULTIPLE LAWSUITS HAVING TO
17 DO WITH USE OF FORCE AND SUCH IN THE JAILS INTO ONE CLOSED
18 SESSION ITEM, WHICH I ADMIRE THE EFFICIENCY THERE. BUT I DO
19 WANT TO RAISE UP THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THIS CITIZENS' COMMISSION
20 ON JAIL VIOLENCE, WE PUBLISHED A FAIRLY UPDATED USE- OF-FORCE
21 MANUAL THAT CONTAINS IN IT CERTAIN ITEMS THAT ARE SEVERELY
22 PROBLEM PROBLEMATIC, AND WERE BROUGHT TO THIS BOARD'S
23 ATTENTION A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. AND I THINK EVEN IN ADVANCE
24 OF THAT BY ME A MONTH AGO OR MORE. AND THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, TO THEIR CREDIT, HAVE ENGAGED IN A DIALOG, BUT THE

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1 TIMELINE THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED FOR FIXING THOSE PROBLEMS IS
2 MURKY AND UNCLEAR. AND I DO THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
3 GET OUT LANGUAGE FROM THE USE OF FORCE MANUAL THAT IS
4 CONTRADICTORY, CONFUSING AND MISLEADING TO OUR DEPUTIES. THERE
5 HAS BEEN A LOT OF DIALOG ABOUT THIS IN THE COMMUNITY AND I
6 THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFF
7 TO STEP FORWARD AND MAKE THAT HAPPEN. I THINK THAT THE PUBLIC
8 HAS ENDURED A GREAT DEAL OF CONSTERNATION IN THIS SPACE, AND
9 THAT THAT IS AT THE VERY LEAST, APPROPRIATE. SO I WOULD ASK
10 THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT.
11 SPECIFICALLY I'M REFERRING TO THE IDEA OF SPARKING A TASER TO
12 GAIN COMPLIANCE, WHICH IS SOMETHING LIKE CRACKING A WHIP,
13 WHICH IN 2016 IS COMPLETELY UNTHINKABLE. AND I WAS IN NEW YORK
14 OVER THE WEEKEND AND DISCUSSED IT WITH N.Y.P.D. THEY DO NOT DO
15 THAT, NOR WOULD THEY. AND THEN ITEM, I BELIEVE IT'S 18, IS A
16 FOUR-VOTE ITEM. AND WE ONLY HAVE THREE SUPERVISORS AT THE
17 MOMENT, UNLESS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS AT THE BUFFET AT THE BACK.
18 THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 10 PERCENT FOR VARIOUS GROUPS, I
19 BELIEVE IT IS THE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE WELL PAID AS IT
20 IS, THE AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS GROUP, WHO OBVIOUSLY
21 ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR PANOPLY OF EMPLOYEES, BUT A 10 PERCENT
22 RAISE. AND I REALIZE IT'S 3 PLUS PERCENT PER YEAR, SEEMS TO BE
23 PAR FOR THE COURSE HERE. AND I'M RELUCTANT, GIVEN OUR
24 FINANCIAL CONCERNS, AND ALL OF THE EFFORTS WE HAVE MADE TO DIG
25 DEEPER TO FIND MONEY TO ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT HOMELESS

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1 POPULATION. I KNOW LATER YOU'LL BE ASKING THE PUBLIC,
2 POSSIBLY, TO TAKE AN INCREASE IN TAXES FOR THOSE KINDS OF
3 THINGS. I MEAN, IS THERE NO SENSE THAT THIS IS TIME TO KIND OF
4 HOLD THE LINE OR BE A LITTLE MORE ,CALL IT, JUDICIOUS ABOUT
5 THESE BROAD INCREASES? I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE LOOKED
6 AT CLOSELY. AND WE HAVE TO HOLD THE LINE ON SOME OF THIS,
7 FOLKS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
12 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 18, I AM CONCERNED WITH THE 10
13 PERCENT. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU PUSH TO GET THE HEALTH INTEGRATION
14 PROJECT ONLINE, VIOLATING EVERY BROWN ACT POSSIBLE IN THE
15 BOOK, AND I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE A QUID PRO QUO SOMEWHERE
16 AND HERE IS THE QUID PRO QUO. THAT DAY WHEN WE HAD THE
17 HEARING, HOW DID SOME PEOPLE TESTIFY? I LISTENED TO THAT
18 D.V.D. VERY CAREFULLY. I TIMED THE TIME USED AND SO ON. THE
19 ONLY-- AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT LIGHTLY-- THE ONLY PEOPLE IN
20 FAVOR OF THE HEALTH INTEGRATION WERE UNION MEMBERS. DOCTORS
21 BELONGING TO UNION, PHARMACISTS AND SO ON. NOT ONE SINGLE
22 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT UNION CONNECTED VOTED FOR THAT
23 HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION. IT WAS OBVIOUS IT WAS MEANT TO JUST GO
24 OVER IT. I ALSO KNOW PERSONALLY THAT THE UNION GAVE A
25 PROPOSAL, A PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE WONDERFUL

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1 DR. KATZ AND COMPANY. YOU KNOW, I KNOW WE DID NOT INCREASE THE
2 SALARY FOR QUITE SOMETIME. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. I HAVE
3 PROBLEMS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS THE PEOPLE WHO
4 VOTED FOR AN ITEM WHICH WAS ILLEGALLY PUSHED DOWN OUR THROAT.
5 I THINK THAT'S VERY SAD. AND I'M TIRED OF SEEING THAT. ALSO ON
6 ITEM 20, MY FAVORITE, MORE MONEY FOR M.L.K. A LITTLE BIT OVER
7 \$1 MILLION FOR COMPUTER SERVERS AND SO ON. WHEN IS THIS GOING
8 TO STOP? I MEAN, I THINK THAT WE ARE AT A POINT NOW WHERE
9 SURELY THERE'S SOME JOURNALIST AROUND SOMEWHERE WHO WILL DO
10 SOME INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND FIND OUT WHERE ALL THAT MONEY
11 IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS GOING. EVERY WEEK WE ARE HAVING A
12 MILLION THERE, \$2 MILLION THERE, \$300,000. IT'S ABSURD. AND
13 ALL THE MONEY WE ARE GIVING AT M.L.K., INCLUDING THE \$300
14 MILLION BOND LAST WEEK, NEEDS TO BE VERY SCRUTINIZED. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
20 I DID HOLD A FEW ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 23-A, AND THAT'S YOUR
21 MOTION FOR ANOTHER IMPORTANT FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER FOR A JOB
22 CENTER AT THE WOMEN'S JAIL? WOULD THAT BE ALL THE WOMEN'S
23 FACILITIES OR JUST ONE JOB CENTER IN ONE PARTICULAR FACILITY?
24 BECAUSE IF IT'S TWO OR THREE FACILITIES THAT YOU HAVE WOMEN
25 IN, YOU ARE GOING TO NEED MORE MONEY. THEN I HELD ITEMS 1-D

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1 AND 2-D, AND YOU KNOW THE COUNTY, YOU HAD THAT ONE LITTLE
2 GENTLEMAN UP HERE WHO WAS-- HE WANTS TO MAJOR IN MATH. MAYBE
3 HE COULD LOOK INTO SOME COUNTY MATH. THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF
4 THOSE THINGS WHERE YOU TAKE TWO ITEMS, YOU COMBINE THEM
5 TOGETHER. 1-D, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS FUNDING, AFFORDABLE
6 HOUSING TRUST FUNDS. WELL, IT'S NOT REALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING
7 TRUST FUNDS PER SE, IT'S JUST THE TITLE OF WHAT YOU CALL IT
8 BECAUSE IT'S MADE UP OF HOUSING DUE DILIGENCE REVIEW FUNDS,
9 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS AND HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER
10 FUNDS. AND YOU PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER AND YOU MAKE THEM INTO
11 ANOTHER TRUST FUND, WHICH MEANS MORE OVERSIGHT, WHICH MEANS
12 ANOTHER POSITION FOR THE COUNTY. SO ESSENTIALLY YOU'RE PAYING
13 PEOPLE TO RESTOCK THE SAME SHELVES THAT THEY TAKE ITEMS DOWN
14 FROM. DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. AND THEN YOU HAVE THE CALIFORNIA
15 ENVIRONMENTAL EQUALITY ACT, WHICH IS DONE BY THE COMMUNITY
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE
17 YOU JUST HAD A PRESENTATION ABOUT SIGNIFICANT FAILURE, 33
18 YEARS FOR EXIDE. YOU WOULD THINK THAT SOMEBODY WOULD LOOK AT A
19 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT WITH EXIDE AFTER, OH, I
20 DON'T KNOW, MAYBE THE FIRST 25 YEARS? IT TOOK 33 YEARS OF
21 SUCCESS. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WHAT YOU FAILED TO
22 ACKNOWLEDGE IS PORTER RANCH. BECAUSE WITHOUT PORTER RANCH AND
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS HAVING THE LEAK, WHO WOULD HAVE GIVEN
24 A RAT'S PATOOT ABOUT EXIDE? I MEAN, HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT MOVED
25 OUT OF THEIR HOMES? THAT'S A ZERO. HOW MANY SCHOOLS GOT

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1 CLOSED? THAT'S A ZERO. HOW MANY OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN
2 PORTER RANCH DID THE EXIDE TEAM FOLLOW-UP ON? ZERO. SO I'M
3 WONDERING WHAT EXACTLY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
4 DOES EXCEPT GET 10 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING
5 REVIEW FUND, I MEAN THE HOUSING-- WHAT IS IT? THE HOMELESS
6 FUNDS. THEY TAKE 10 PERCENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. ALWAYS 10
7 PERCENT OFF THE TOP. IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU DO WITH THE MONEY.
8 AND PEOPLE JUST SIT AND ACCEPT AND CLAP LIKE SUCCESS IS NOW
9 THE NEW NORM. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. SOMEBODY MENTIONED
10 ABOUT MEDIA STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE. YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME
11 HELP SOMEWHERE. TIME IS UP? YOU DIDN'T SAY IT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 18,
18 20, 21 AND 23-A ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
22 ORDER.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN
25 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT

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1 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1
2 THROUGH 6.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, AUDIENCE.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU
7 MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE
8 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU
9 GOD? FOR ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS A HEARING TO INCREASE PARKING
10 FEES AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM CAR PARK TO ALIGN WITH
11 PARKING FEES CHARGED AT THE ADJOINING STATE OF CALIFORNIA
12 PARKING LOTS IN EXPOSITION PARK AND AT THE PAGE MUSEUM TO
13 ALIGN WITH PARKING FEES CHARGED AT THE ADJOINING LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND HANCOCK PARK. THERE IS NO
15 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
16 RECEIVED. BUT WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP
17 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD ERIC
20 PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
23 AND I MUST TELL YOU THIS IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE WE
24 ARE INCREASING THE PARKING FEES \$10 TO \$12 AT THE MUSEUM OF
25 NATURAL HISTORY. NOW, FIRST OF ALL, IT SHOULD BE FREE TO GO TO

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1 THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY GIVEN THE ROBUST STRUCTURAL
2 BUDGET THAT IS AMPLIFIED BY A MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR BY THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BY I GUESS SUPERVISORIAL DECREE. EVERY
4 YEAR THEY GET A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
5 WE HAVE LORI BETTISON-VARGA, WHO HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN RECENTLY
6 TO RUN THE PLACE. SHE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL APPARENTLY AT
7 ROLLING OUT A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM. SHE MAKES APPROXIMATELY A
8 HALF MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. IT'S ASTONISHING. AND YET HERE WE
9 ARE CHARGING THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY COME TO THIS MUSEUM. THE
10 ARGUMENT IS THAT, WELL THE STATE CHARGES THAT MUCH RIGHT NEXT
11 DOOR, SO WE MAY AS WELL SQUARE IT UP. AND, WORSE, THIS BOARD
12 HAS SAID, LET'S TAKE IT UP TO \$20 WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE
13 BOARD AS LONG AS IT'S IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOME OF THE OTHER
14 MUSEUMS. THIS IS APPALLING, IF I MAY, BECAUSE WE ARE DESPERATE
15 TO STIMULATE THE KIND OF EDUCATIONAL ACCESS TO THESE GREAT
16 ASSETS THAT THE COUNTY HAS HAD AND AMORTIZED OVER MANY, MANY
17 YEARS. OF COURSE THERE'S UPKEEP AND COSTS. BUT TO INCREASE THE
18 PARKING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND AROUND LOS
19 ANGELES WHO CAN'T BARELY AFFORD TO GO AT ALL, THIS REALLY
20 BECOMES AN ACCESS ISSUE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I MUST ASK
21 YOU DIRECTLY, HOW IS IT THAT YOU COULD POSSIBLY APPROVE THIS
22 KIND OF A THING GIVEN ALL THE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES THAT YOU
23 ENGAGE IN IN THAT ENVIRONMENT? I AM SO SAD ABOUT THIS. IT
24 REMINDS ME OF THE THIRD DISTRICT'S ABNEGATION REGARDING THE
25 HOLLYWOOD BOWL INCREASES THAT ARE ALTERNATING EVERY YEAR PER

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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S HEINOUS ACT. THIS REALLY REQUIRES YOU
2 TO STAND UP FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NOT TO
3 INCREASE THE PARKING FEES AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.
8 WHAT ACTUALLY CATCHES MY EYE HERE IS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 PARKING LOT. SO I'M THINKING STATE OF CALIFORNIA? THE PROPERTY
10 THAT THE STATE OWNS. THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE COLISEUM, RIGHT?
11 BECAUSE THAT'S OWNED BY THE STATE. BUT THE COUNTY HAS
12 OVERSIGHT OF THE COLISEUM, AS THE RULING GOVERNOR AND
13 GOVERNESS OF THE COLISEUM COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE COUNTY
14 COUNSEL SITTING ON AS LEGAL ADVISORS. THERE'S AN OXYMORON. THE
15 STATE DOESN'T APPOINT ANY MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY COLISEUM. SO
16 JUST EXPLAIN THAT HE APPROVED THAT PARKING RAISE BECAUSE HE'S
17 THE HEAD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION AT THE COLISEUM. BUT YOU
18 DON'T HAVE OVERSIGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE
19 POMONA FAIRGROUNDS. AND WHAT'S THE PARKING SITUATION THERE?
20 WHO SETS THE STANDARD AT THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS? WOULD THAT BE
21 THE NONPROFIT THAT'S BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY? I'M JUST
22 SURPRISED BECAUSE THAT'S COUNTY PROPERTY. THAT'S COUNTY OWNED.
23 AND YOU HAVE NO CLUE. THAT'S NOT A RARE DISEASE DAY. THAT'S
24 THE NORM FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. \$20, IS THAT IN
25 REFERENCE TO LIKE WHEN THE RAMS COME BACK TO THE COLISEUM AND

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1 ALL THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS GET ECONOMIC VIABILITY BY CHARGING
2 FOR PEOPLE TO PARK ON THEIR FRONT YARDS \$20 A CAR? WILL THAT
3 BE COMPETITIVE WITH THEM? THE FUNDING. THE COUNTY GIVES MONEY
4 TO BOTH THE MUSEUMS, THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY OR IS IT
5 L.A.C.M.A.? THEY GAVE THEM HALF A BILLION DOLLARS AND WHAT DID
6 THEY DO? THEY SPENT A MILLION DOLLARS TO ALLOW SCHOOL CHILDREN
7 TO ATTEND FOR FREE. HALF A BILLION, PLUS A MILLION, COMES OUT
8 WITH \$499 MILLION. AND YOU'RE ON. NO, YOU'RE OFF.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS? MEMBERS?

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT
13 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE
14 ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THIS
19 ITEM IS THAT THIS COULD GO TO \$20. AND I WOULD SAY THAT THE
20 AMENDMENT SHOULD BE IF THERE'S ANY MOVE BEYOND \$12, IT HAS TO
21 COME BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR A HEARING AND NOT AN
22 AUTOMATIC INCREASE. SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SAY IN THAT.
23 OTHERWISE THIS COULD GO UP TO \$15, UP TO \$20, I SHOULD SAY,
24 WITHOUT ANY MORE BOARD INPUT. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT ANY FEE
25 INCREASE BEYOND \$12 WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO BELIEVE WE'RE TRYING TO BE ALSO
3 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. SO
4 I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR MOTION IS. AND I WOULD TEND TO AGREE
5 WITH IT. THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH IT. THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH
6 ANY OTHER? ANYONE ELSE? SHEILA? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND. MAY I ASK
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THEY CAME TO THE BOARD FOR THIS
10 INCREASE. SO IS IT NOT THE CASE THAT THEY DO HAVE TO COME TO
11 THE BOARD? OTHERWISE I'M NOT SURE WHY--

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN HERE IT STATES THAT IT COULD INCREASE
14 PARKING FEES IN THE FUTURE TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$20 TO
15 ALIGN--

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WITHOUT COMING TO THE BOARD. SO YOU WANT TO
18 CHANGE THAT.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THIS WOULD PUT A CAP.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF IT'S MORE THAN \$20?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MORE THAN \$12.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MORE THAN \$12.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WOULD JUST HAVE THE TO COME BACK
4 TO US AND WE WOULD THEN MAKE A DECISION.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEY'D HAVE TO COME TO THE BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? DO YOU HAVE
9 ANY OBJECTION? SO THAT IS AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED IN THIS REPORT.
10 THE ITEM'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. HE MOVES TO CLOSE
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND THIS ITEM IS MOVED AND SECONDED AS
12 AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION? LET'S MOVE ON.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS
15 IS THE HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE, TITLE 4, REVENUE
16 AND FINANCE THE ALLOW THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO
17 RECOVER ACTUAL COSTS OF PROCESSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
18 PREPARATION, SALE OF TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY, AS REQUIRED BY
19 THE CALIFORNIA REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE. THERE'S NO
20 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND WE
21 DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
22 ITEM?

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS WHO'D LIKE TO
25 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING AGAIN ARNOLD SACHS.

3 AND MY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS WOULD DEAL WITH LIABILITY

4 CORPORATIONS, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND BOOTLEG PROPERTIES

5 AND MAYBE EVEN A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY PROPERTY THAT WAS

6 CREATED BY THE METRO BOARD BECAUSE IT MENTIONS HERE-- WELL, IT

7 ACTUALLY MENTIONS OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES. SO I GUESS IF IT

8 IS NOT OWNER OCCUPIED, THAT'S OUTSIDE THE LIMITS BECAUSE IT

9 COULD JUST BE PROPERTY THAT HASN'T BEEN DEVELOPED YET. BUT

10 THAT COULD BE-- THAT'S OPPOSITE OF A SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED

11 PROPERTY. BECAUSE TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTIES, SOMEBODY'S NOT

12 PAYING THEIR TAXES ON PROPERTY OR IT COULD BE LIKE THE DISNEY

13 PROPERTY THAT WAS-- THEY'RE BUILDING THE NEW STUDIOS IN WHAT

14 IS IT, SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON, THAT THE PROPERTY WAS AT ONE

15 TIME FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT PROPERTY AND NOW IT'S BEEN CHANGED

16 BY MARVELOUS ACTION BY THE BOARD LAST YEAR INTO COMMERCIAL

17 PROPERTY THAT THEY COULD BUILD A STUDIO ON LAND THAT WAS ONCE

18 IN A FLOOD CONTROL PLAIN. SO WHAT WOULD BE THE TAX AND

19 PROPERTY IN A FLOOD CONTROL PLAIN VERSUS A TAX ON PROPERTY IN

20 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY? I'M JUST WONDERING. CAN WE GET SOME

21 COUNTY MATH ON THAT. AND BOOTLEG PROPERTIES. WHERE DO THEY

22 FALL UNDER? THERE WAS A STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT SOME

23 PEOPLE WHO COMPLAINED IN VENICE IN L.A. CITY, THE AGENCY WENT

24 OUT AND FOUND OUT THAT NEITHER OF THE PROPERTIES WERE

25 BOOTLEGGED AND ALL THE PEOPLE HAD TO MOVE OUT. THEY WERE

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1 LIVING IN ILLEGAL SITUATION. BUT IT WAS DONE BY THE HOMEOWNER.

2 WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR THAT?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, TIME'S UP.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE YOU GO. THAT'S THE WOMAN I KNOW.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. AT

9 THIS TIME I'D ASK THAT THIS ITEM BE MOVED. SUPERVISOR KUEHL

10 MOVES THIS ITEM, CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND IT IS MOVED

11 AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

12 MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO BE MOVING ON NOW TO SOME OTHER ITEMS.

13 FOR ITEMS 4 AND 6, I HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT WE HAVE OVER 80

14 SPEAKERS. SO I'D THEREFORE LIKE TO LIMIT THE SPEAKERS TO 1

15 MINUTE EACH SO THAT WE CAN HEAR FROM EVERYONE. AND I THINK

16 ACCORDINGLY, GIVE EVERYONE OPPORTUNITY WHO HAS TRAVELED FAR TO

17 GET HERE. SO IF WE CAN BEGIN, THEN, ON ITEM NO. 4.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS

20 IS A HEARING ON THE EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON MASTER PLAN TO

21 CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT COMPLETED IN

22 COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT,

23 DETERMINE THAT THE SIGNIFICANT AVERSE EFFECTS OF THE MASTER

24 PLAN HAVE EITHER BEEN REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OR ARE

25 OUTWEIGHED BY THE SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED IN THE

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1 FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONDITIONS AND APPROVE
2 THE MASTER PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN THE FINAL E.I.R. AND DETERMINE
3 THAT THE MASTER PLAN IS COMPATIBLE WITH AND ADOPTS THE GOALS
4 AND POLICIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AS
5 RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THERE IS A
6 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
7 RECEIVED.

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9 **JOHN WICKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M JOHN WICKER,
10 ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
11 AND RECREATION. AND IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO COME BEFORE YOUR
12 BOARD TODAY TO PRESENT ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC MASTER PLANNING
13 EFFORTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME. WITH ME
14 TODAY, IF WE COULD LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON JUST FOR A COUPLE MORE
15 MINUTES JUST SO WE CAN GO THROUGH, JUST HAVE SOME
16 INTRODUCTIONS AND STUFF THAT I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND
17 COMPLETE. THANK YOU. I BROUGHT WITH ME TODAY OUR A TEAM HERE.
18 WE'VE GOT NORMAN GARCIA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OVER AT OUR PLANNING
19 AND DEVELOPING AGENCY. KATHY KING, OUR CHIEF PARK PLANNER.
20 ALSO WITH US IS SAM UNGER FROM THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
21 CONTROL BOARD. AND ALSO BRYAN MOSCARDINI FROM OUR PLANNING AND
22 DEVELOPMENT SECTION, AS WELL. MY DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMATION--
23 MY DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY
24 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS THAT HAS LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
25 CREATIVE AND VISIONARY MASTER PLAN FOR THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK.

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1 A MASTER PLANNING EFFORT OF THIS MAGNITUDE CANNOT BE COMPLETED
2 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, OUR BOARD LEADERSHIP AND
3 MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AT THIS
4 TIME I'D LIKE TO THANK SACHI HAMAI AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICE TEAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP. ALSO SEAN ROGAN
6 AND THE TEAM AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. RICHARD
7 BRUCKNER AND HIS TEAM AT REGIONAL PLANNING. SAM UNGER AND HIS
8 TEAM AT THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, AS WELL. WE
9 GREATLY APPRECIATE THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AND COMMUNITY
10 INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROJECT. THE IMPROVEMENTS AT MAGIC JOHNSON
11 PARK WILL MAKE THIS A MODEL PARK WITH NEW FEATURES AND
12 ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WILL BE IN PLACE
13 FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO COME AND TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
14 WELL. NOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS IF WE COULD TURN THE LIGHTS
15 DOWN, WE'VE GOT A SHORT VIDEO THAT WE'D LIKE TO SHOW. [MUSIC.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **KATHY KING:** I'M KATHY KING, CHIEF OF PLANNING FOR COUNTY PARKS
20 AND RECREATION. SUPERVISORS, THE PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL MASTER
21 PLAN FOR EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON PARK PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY IS
22 THE CULMINATION OF AN EXTENSIVE PROCESS OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY
23 OUTREACH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS. THE MASTER PLAN REFLECTS
24 THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY AND REALIZES
25 THE FULL POTENTIAL OF A VALUED COMMUNITY ASSET. THE PARK IS

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1 CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY BETWEEN 120TH
2 STREET AND EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD, EAST OF AVALON BOULEVARD. IT
3 CURRENTLY CONTAINS JUST OVER 100 ACRES AND OFFERS RESPITE FOR
4 MANY PATRONS AND NEIGHBORS WHO USE THE TRAILS, OPEN PLAY
5 FIELDS, PICNIC SHELTERS AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND WHO ENJOY
6 VISITING THE PARK'S LAKES. THE MASTER PLAN WOULD REPLACE THE
7 40-YEAR-OLD WILLOWBROOK STATE PARK PLAN AND REPRESENTS THE
8 FIRST SIGNIFICANT ANALYSIS OF HOW THIS COMMUNITY REGIONAL
9 RECREATION FACILITY CAN BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
10 COMMUNITY. THE OVERALL VISION INCORPORATES THE THEME OF WATER
11 AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR UPLIFTING AND TRANSFORMING THE
12 CONNECTION AND HEALTH OF FAMILIES THROUGH PHYSICAL AND
13 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE WITH NATURE. THE MASTER
14 PLAN ENVISIONS A WIDE RANGE OF NEW LOCAL AND COMMUNITY
15 REGIONAL AMENITIES, WITH MULTIGENERATIONAL APPEAL. AS THE
16 VIDEO PRESENTATION ILLUSTRATED, THE FINAL E.I.R. EVALUATED THE
17 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH COULD
18 ALSO INVOLVE INCORPORATING A PIECE OF PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY
19 ADJACENT, PROPERTY THAT'S OWNED BY THE L.A.C.D.C. CONSTRUCTION
20 OF THESE NEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN SIX
21 GENERAL PHASES AND CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH SITE
22 REMEDIATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL
23 WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD ON PORTIONS OF THE MAGIC JOHNSON
24 PARKLANDS. SO I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT SAM UNGER IS
25 JOINING US TODAY. AND TEKLEWOLD AYALEW, FROM THE REGIONAL

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1 WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AND THEY'RE HERE TO PROVIDE AN
2 OVERVIEW OF THE ONGOING REMEDIATION WORK AT MAGIC JOHNSON
3 PARK.

4

5 **SAM UNGER:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M SAMUEL UNGER,
6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER REGIONAL CONTROL
7 BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION. EVERY DAY IN MY WORK, I HAVE THE
8 PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, YOUR
9 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, YOUR SANITATION DISTRICTS AND
10 DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND I ALSO HAVE THE HONOR OF
11 WORKING WITH YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION ON A NUMBER OF EXCITING
12 MATTERS THAT WILL SECURE WATER RESILIENCY AND IMPROVE WATER
13 QUALITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY I'M
14 HERE TO DISCUSS THE REGIONAL BOARD'S WORK ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
15 CLEANUP OF EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK AND THE FORMER UJIMA
16 VILLAGE SITE. AS YOU KNOW, THE PARK WAS A FORMER TANK FARM FOR
17 REFINED PETROLEUM PROJECTS, AND LIKE VIRTUALLY EVERY TANK FARM
18 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE WERE LEAKS AND SPILLS THAT
19 CONTAMINATED THE SOIL AND VAPOR WITHIN THE SOIL AND IN MANY
20 CASES THE GROUND WATER BENEATH THESE TANKS FARMS. SO TODAY I
21 WISH TO JUST DISCUSS THREE AREAS OF THE BOARD'S WORK, WHICH IS
22 CLEANUP OF THE SOIL VAPOR PLUME IN THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK,
23 WHICH WAS THREATENING THE COMMUNITY, THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
24 TO THE EAST OF THE PARK, WITH POTENTIAL VAPOR INTRUSION
25 ISSUES. SECOND, I WANT TO DISCUSS THE CLEANUP OF SOILS THAT

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1 HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PARK, AND THEY WERE CLEANED UP BY
2 EXCAVATION AND REPLACING WITH CLEAN FILL. AND THIRD, I WANT TO
3 SHOW SOME CLEANUP TESTING THAT WILL ENABLE YOUR PARKS AND
4 RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED LATITUDE IN
5 PLANNING THE FEATURES FOR THEIR RENOVATED PARK THAT IS NOW
6 UNDERWAY. SO MY FIRST SLIDE HERE SHOWS THE DEPICTION OF THE
7 VAPOR PLUME ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK AS IT WAS IN 2013.
8 ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU SEE, THESE ARE DIFFERENT DEPTHS, YOU'LL
9 SEE PURPLE AND BLUE IN THE TOP SLIDES. ESSENTIALLY THOSE
10 REPRESENT A VAPOR PLUME OF HYDROCARBON VAPORS. AND ESSENTIALLY
11 DUE TO THAT PLUME AND ITS PROXIMITY TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,
12 THE REGIONAL BOARD ORDERED EXXONMOBIL TO SUBMIT A CLEANUP AND
13 ABATEMENT PLAN TO CLEAN UP AND ABATE THIS PLUME. THEY USED
14 TECHNOLOGY KNOWN AS SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION. AND I'M PLEASED TO
15 REPORT TO YOU THAT BY 2015, AS YOU SEE ON THE BOTTOM SLIDES,
16 THE PLUME IS VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED BY THE S.V.E. SYSTEM. DURING
17 THIS TIME, THE BOARD WORKED WITH OUR SISTER AGENCY, THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, TO TEST SOME OF THE
19 NEIGHBORHOODS EAST OF THE SITE TO CONFIRM THAT THERE WERE NO
20 POTENTIAL ISSUES OF VAPOR INTRUSION. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS
21 SHALLOW SOIL IN THE PARK THAT WAS IMPACTED BY LEAD AND ARSENIC
22 DATING BACK TO THE DAYS AS A PETROLEUM TANK FARM. THESE ARE
23 RELATIVELY SMALL AREAS WITHIN THE PARK AND THEY WERE REMOVED
24 AND REPLACED WITH CLEAN SOIL IN 2013. THE WORK WAS DONE IN A
25 SEQUENTIAL MANNER SO THAT THE PARK WAS ABLE TO REMAIN OPEN

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1 WHILE THE WORK WAS UNDERWAY. AND TO THIS DATE, THE LEAD AND
2 ARSENIC HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SURFACE SOILS IN MAGIC
3 JOHNSON PARK. AND, THIRDLY, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR PARKS
4 AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, WHO HAS EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS
5 THAT THE REMEDIATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CENTRAL PART OF
6 THE PARK MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THEIR PLANS FOR PARK RENOVATION.
7 IN RECOGNITION OF THESE CONCERNS, THE REGIONAL BOARD HAS
8 ORDERED EXXON TO TEST THE TECHNOLOGY KNOWN AS HORIZONTAL VAPOR
9 EXTRACTION THAT WILL ALLOW US TO ACCESS CRITICAL LOCATIONS
10 SUBSURFACE WITH A SINGLE PENETRATION ABOVE GRADE THAT CAN BE
11 LOCATED NEARLY ANYWHERE IN THE PARK. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE
12 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REMEDIATION WILL BE LOCATED BENEATH THE
13 GROUND, AND THEREFORE NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUR PARK PLANNING.
14 AND, FINALLY, IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS, I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE
15 TO ANSWER THEM. AND TEKLEWOLD AYALEW IS THE PROJECT MANAGER
16 FOR THE REGIONAL BOARD. HE'S JUST DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN
17 GETTING THE CLEANUP TO WHERE IT IS AT THIS POINT. I'D LIKE TO
18 RECOGNIZE HIM PUBLICLY HERE. SO WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT
19 OVER.

20
21 **KATHY KING:** THANK YOU, MR. UNGER. SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO
22 ADD THAT ON DECEMBER 9TH, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
23 HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERED THE MASTER PLAN AND FINAL
24 E.I.R. AND THEIR COMMISSION RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL
25 IS BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT IN RESPONSE TO

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1 FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED WHEN WE PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING
2 COMMISSION, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AN ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR THE
3 PROPOSED AQUATICS CENTER, WHICH IS NOW PROPOSED ON COUNTY-
4 OWNED LAND. AS A RESULT OF THIS NEW LOCATION, NO COUNTY
5 IMPROVEMENTS ARE PROPOSED ON THE VACANT LAND OWNED BY THE
6 UJIMA HOUSING CORPORATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UJIMA
7 HOUSING CORPORATION MAY DEVELOP ITS LAND WITH CERTAIN URBAN
8 AGRICULTURAL USES ,WHICH WOULD ALSO BE SYNERGISTIC WITH THE
9 PARK, AND WE INTEND TO COORDINATE WITH THEM IN THAT EFFORT.
10 THE MOTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY REQUESTS DIRECTION TO
11 INITIATE DESIGN OF PORTIONS OF PHASE 1 OF MASTER PLAN,
12 INCLUDING THE PARK ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CIVIC CENTER AREA
13 OFF OF EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD. SO THIS CONCLUDES OUR
14 PRESENTATION TO YOU TODAY. AND WE INVITE YOUR COMMENTS AND
15 FEEDBACK. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SPEAKERS WHO
16 SUBMITTED COMMENT CARDS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNOW WE HAVE SEVERAL
19 SPEAKERS. AND I ALSO JUST WANT TO THANK THE STAFF. ALWAYS
20 THESE SITUATIONS ARE A BIT TENUOUS IN TERMS OF THE CLEANUP AND
21 REMEDIATION THAT HAS TO GO ON BECAUSE IT OF THE PRIOR USE OF
22 THIS LAND. IT'S SOMETHING THAT SOME OF US ARE VERY SENSITIVE
23 TO. SO I WOULD JUST ASK YOU THAT DURING THE TIME THAT THE
24 REMEDIATION IS GOING ON, WHAT TYPE OF PROTECTIONS ARE BEING
25 PUT IN PLACE FOR THE WORKERS IN TERMS OF EXPOSURE TO ANY TOXIC

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1 MATERIALS, WHAT STANDARDS ARE SET TO PROTECT THE WORKERS THAT
2 ARE GOING TO BE CLEANING UP THE REMAINING TOXINS? IF YOU COULD
3 ADDRESS THAT FOR US THE WATER QUALITY?

4

5 **SAM UNGER:** SURE, YES. I THINK MOST OF THE WORK WITH THE TOXIC
6 MATERIAL THEMSELVES, CHARACTERIZED AS TOXIC MATERIALS, HAS
7 BEEN COMPLETED BY THE REMOVAL OF THE LEAD AND THE ARSENIC THAT
8 IS IN THE SOIL AND POSSIBLY COULD POTENTIALLY IMPACT YOUNG
9 CHILDREN WHO TEND TO COME INTO DERMAL CONTACT AND SOMETIMES
10 SWALLOW SOIL AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO THAT WORK HAS TAKEN
11 PLACE. IT HAS TAKEN PLACE UNDER A FULL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN
12 THAT WAS APPROVED BY OUR BOARD. THE AREAS WERE FENCED OFF AND
13 CERTIFIED CLEAN. FILL WAS USED TO FILL THOSE AREAS THAT WERE
14 EXCAVATED. AS FAR AS THE PETROLEUM VAPORS BENEATH GROUND,
15 THOSE ARE CLEANED UP TO STATE STANDARDS, DEPENDING ON WHICH
16 CONTAMINANT WE'RE LOOKING AT. THERE'S SEVERAL BUT THEY ARE ALL
17 PETROLEUM RELATED AND THEY ACT SIMILARLY. AND WE EXPECT THAT
18 TO BE IN A TREATMENT COMPOUND. I HAVE A SLIDE OF THE TREATMENT
19 COMPOUND THAT IS STILL BEING USED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK
20 AND WE THINK VERY STRONGLY THAT WE CAN STILL USE THAT
21 TREATMENT COMPOUND TO ADDRESS THE REST OF THE VAPORS BENEATH
22 THE SOIL AT THE PARK. SO WITH THAT, THE CLEANUP STANDARDS ON
23 THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK WERE TO RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS SET BY
24 THE STATE AND ALSO, SUBJECT TO RISK ASSESSMENT STANDARDS BY
25 THE STATE FOR THE CLEANUP OF THE LEAD AND THE ARSENIC SOIL.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO
5 THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THEIR
6 TREMENDOUS EFFORT IN THIS MASTER PLAN PROCESS. THE TEAM LED BY
7 JOHN WICKER, NORMAN GARCIA, KATHY KING AND BRYAN MOSCARDINI
8 NEED TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. SAM
9 UNGER, WE THANK YOU FOR WEIGHING IN ON BEHALF OF THE WATER
10 BOARD AND CAUSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS TO BE WHAT THEY
11 OUGHT TO BE, NOT ONLY IN THIS COMMUNITY BUT IN ANY COMMUNITY
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
13 ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR STEADFASTNESS.
14 YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS OF WORK
15 ALREADY IN THIS EFFORT. THE OBJECTIVE WAS SIMPLE, BUT IT WAS
16 EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT. AND OUR NOTION IS TO RE-IMAGINE AND
17 TRANSFORM THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK WHICH SITS IN THE HEART OF
18 THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY. THE PROPOSED PLAN REPRESENTS A NEW
19 AND A BRIGHT ERA FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SITE OF
20 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS OVER THE PAST DECADE.
21 SPECIFICALLY I'M REFERRING TO THE CONTAMINATION ISSUES THAT
22 WERE JUST RECENTLY ADDRESSED. AND THE UNFORTUNATE LEGACY OF
23 THE ATHENS TANK FARM WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN THIS
24 AREA. AS THE CHARACTERIZATION OF CONTAMINATION OCCURRED,
25 MINIMAL INVESTMENT IN THE PARK WAS MADE, NOW WE ARE AT A POINT

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1 WHERE WE ARE PUTTING THAT CHAPTER BEHIND US, THOSE
2 UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS, THOSE INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES, WE HAVE
3 TO MOVE FORWARD. THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY ENTITIES HAVE NOW
4 FULLY ASSESSED AND YOU'VE HEARD THE REPORT THAT SAYS THAT THE
5 CLEANUP HAS GONE WELL, IT IS GOING WELL. THE PLUME HAS BEEN
6 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED AND THERE IS A DECLARATION THAT THE AREA
7 IS SAFE AND NOW WE CAN BEGIN THE DESIGN AND BEGIN THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE LONG OVERDUE.
9 THE INTENT IN COMPLETING THE MASTER PLAN WAS TO ESSENTIALLY
10 AND HOLISTICALLY REIMAGINE THE PARK, WE WANT TO REENERGIZE THE
11 FACILITY WITH NEW AMENITIES, AS YOU SAW IN THE PREZI, AND
12 ENSURE THAT IT IS INVITING, SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE. THE PLAN
13 REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM HUNDREDS OF NEIGHBORS AND PARK USERS
14 WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND THEIR TALENT DURING THE
15 PLANNING PROCESS, TO WHICH WE WANT TO PAY PARTICULAR NOTE AND
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. AND AS YOU'VE SEEN, THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN
17 DEPICTION, THE RESULT IS VISIONARY. THERE'S SOMETHING HERE FOR
18 EVERYONE. IMPLEMENTING THE VISION WILL REQUIRE A PHASED
19 APPROACH, TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION, TO ENSURE THE COORDINATION
20 WITH THE REMEDIATION EFFORTS AND TO FINALLY ALLOW PROGRESS AS
21 FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE. SO I BELIEVE THAT PHASE 1 INCLUDES
22 SOME OF THE MOST CATALYTIC ASPECTS OF THE PLAN. IT FOCUSES ON
23 AMENITIES THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY
24 NEARBY OR IN THE LARGER VICINITY. AND SPECIFICALLY A COMMUNITY
25 EVENT CENTER, OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE. A SPLASH PAD. A SCULPTURE

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1 GARDEN. A CIVIC PLAZA. A WEDDING PAVILION. ENHANCED LIGHTING
2 AND SECURITY, AS WELL AS A MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL. THESE ARE ALL
3 PROPOSED IN PHASE 1. AND I RECOMMEND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD ON
4 THESE ELEMENTS RIGHT AWAY. I THINK AS WE PROCEED, THERE ARE
5 OTHER ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED THAT WE WILL ADDRESS. ADJACENT
6 TO THE PARK, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND
7 GENTLEMEN, THERE'S A SIX ACRE PARCEL WHICH IS OWNED BY THE
8 UJIMA HOUSING CORPORATION. RECENTLY THE CORPORATION HAS
9 EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THE SITE WITH URBAN
10 AGRICULTURAL USES. ALL THESE ARE COMPATIBLE. NOW WHETHER THIS
11 HAPPENS OR THE CORPORATION DECIDES TO DO OTHERWISE, THE COUNTY
12 SHOULD WORK WITH THEM TO ENSURE A SYNERGISTIC AND A COMPATIBLE
13 USE. THE ORIGINAL PLAN CITED AN AQUATICS CENTER ON THE
14 CORPORATION'S PROPERTY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE PLAN
15 HAS BEEN REVISED TO LOCATE THE AQUATICS CENTER ON THE COUNTY-
16 OWNED PROPERTY. ALSO NOTE THAT ONE ELEMENT OF THE PLAN THAT
17 HAS NOT BEEN MET WITH UNIVERSAL SUPPORT IS THE PROPOSED
18 EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. THIS FACILITY WAS PROPOSED AS A STATE-OF-
19 THE-ART, PUBLICLY OPERATED FACILITY OFFERING THERAPEUTIC
20 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SOME RESIDENTS HAVE SHARED
21 THEIR CONCERNS WITH CERTAIN PERCEIVED ASPECTS ASSOCIATED WITH
22 THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES. WHILE I'M CONFIDENT THOSE CONCERNS
23 CAN BE ADDRESSED, RIGHT NOW WE SHOULD FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTING
24 OTHER NEEDED AMENITIES TO ENJOY WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. SO PHASE 1
25 IS WHAT WE ARE FOCUSED ON. AND I HAVE ARTICULATED WHAT THOSE

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1 ELEMENTS ARE, AND AT THIS POINT I WANT TO ENCOURAGE MY
2 COLLEAGUES TO JOIN IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN. IT'S
3 INNOVATIVE. IT'S TRANSFORMATIVE. IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
4 THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE. MADAME
5 CHAIR, WHEN I AM RECOGNIZED AGAIN TO SPEAK, I WILL READ IN THE
6 SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT I TRUST THAT WE WILL TAKE AT THAT TIME.
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU,
10 PANEL. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS, WE'LL
11 RELEASE YOU. AND WE WILL CALL ON OUR PUBLIC WITNESSES THAT
12 HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY ON THIS ITEM. FIRST I'D LIKE TO CALL
13 UP SWEET ALICE HARRIS. GLYNN TURMAN DALE HARVEY. NICOLETTA
14 HEIDIGER. LEWIS HOOK. EDDIE STOVAL. NATHAN BONNER. WELCOME.
15 COME HAVE A SEAT. MISS ALICE HARRIS.

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17 **ALICE HARRIS:** AM I READY?

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. YOU ARE READY.

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21 **ALICE HARRIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE
22 HERE WITH YOU ALL. AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US BECAUSE
23 YOU HELPED US, GOT US THE HOSPITAL, SAVING OUR CHILDREN FROM
24 DYING BECAUSE WITH ASTHMA, WE KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO DIE. NOW
25 WE HAVE A PARK. YOU KNOW, THIS IS GOING TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN

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1 IN SCHOOL. THEY DON'T HAVE TO WATCH TELEVISION AND SAY, "WELL
2 YOU KNOW THAT'S FOR THOSE PEOPLE." THIS IS GOING TO BE FOR
3 THEM. AND I KNOW YOU ALL ARE GOING TO HELP US KEEP THEM IN
4 SCHOOL, KEEP THEM OUT OF JAIL. THEY NEED A PLACE TO PLAY. THEY
5 NEED A NICE PLACE TO HAVE THINGS LIKE OTHER PEOPLE DON'T HAVE.
6 Y'ALL UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I KNOW I DO BECAUSE I WORK WITH
7 THEM EVERY DAY. AND THIS IS ONE THING THAT I KNOW YOU ALL ARE
8 GOING TO HELP US TO GET THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T LET US DOWN
9 YET. I KNOW I HAD A MINUTE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **GLYNN TURMAN:** HELLO. GLYNN TURMAN HERE. GLAD TO BE A PART OF
14 THIS DISCUSSION AND HOPE THAT A FEW WORDS MIGHT BE ABLE TO
15 GIVE YOU SOME INSIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE I FEEL THAT THE
16 EQUESTRIAN CENTER HAS IN BEING INCLUDED IN THIS WONDERFUL,
17 WONDERFUL VENTURE. I GREW UP IN THE CONCRETE JUNGLE OF NEW
18 YORK. NOW YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL IT BY THE CLOTHES I'M
19 WEARING NOW BUT IT'S THE HONEST TO GOD'S TRUTH. AND ONE THING
20 THAT HAPPENED TO ME AS A YOUNGSTER WAS, FOR SOME REASON I
21 WANTED TO BE AROUND HORSES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS. I FOUND
22 OUT LATER BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY. AND THE MAN WHO RAN THE
23 STABLES AT CENTRAL PARK SAID, "SURE, YOU CAN RIDE THESE HORSES
24 BUT THE FIRST THING YOU GOT TO DO IS LEARN TO CLEAN UP THESE
25 STALLS, MUCK THESE STALLS, PUT DOWN THESE SHAVINGS AND CLEAN

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1 THESE HORSES AND GET THEM CLEAN AND HAVE THEM ALL SPICK AND
2 SPAN. THEN I'LL LET YOU RIDE THESE HORSES." THAT WAS MY FIRST
3 LESSON IN EQUESTRIAN BEHAVIOR. WHAT I FOUND OUT LATER, WHEN I
4 WAS BLESSED ENOUGH YEARS LATER TO BE ABLE TO BRING CHILDREN TO
5 OUR SUMMER CAMP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY-- HELLO THERE MR.
6 ANTONOVICH-- I WAS ABLE TO PASS ON SOME OF THIS MUCH- LEARNED,
7 EARLY LEARNED SKILLS AND APPRECIATION FOR RESPONSIBILITY TO
8 YOUNGSTERS WHO CAME TO OUR CAMP OVER THE YEARS. AND I THINK
9 THAT THAT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE
10 THEY CAN LEARN THAT IN THE CITY. RIGHT IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD,
11 THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT IS TO TAKE CARE AND CARE FOR OTHERS
12 BESIDES YOURSELF.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. NEXT
15 WITNESS, PLEASE. DALE HARVEY.

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17 **DALE HARVEY:** YEAH, HI, MY NAME IS DALE HARVEY. I'M OWNER OF
18 WEST PALMS EVENTS, AND THAT'S A COMPANY WHERE WE'RE PROBABLY
19 THE LEADING PRODUCER OF EQUESTRIAN EVENTS IN CALIFORNIA. AND
20 WE WORK WITH COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE OVER THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN
21 YEARS TO BRING KIDS TO NOT ONLY THE EVENTS THAT WE DO BUT ALSO
22 JUST EXPOSE THEM TO EQUESTRIAN SPORTS IN GENERAL. AND I CAN'T
23 TELL YOU THE TRANSFORMATION THAT I HAVE SEEN WITH A LOT OF
24 THESE KIDS AND FAMILIES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT BEING
25 AROUND HORSES AND EXPOSING THEM TO THIS CONCEPT IS JUST AN

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1 AMAZING OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO THEM. AND, YOU
2 KNOW, SPEAKING TO-- I KNOW THERE IS SOME OPPOSITION TO THE
3 FACILITY IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF
4 SMELL AND FLIES AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS. I THINK LIKE
5 ANYTHING, ANYTHING THAT'S WELL MANAGED, THOSE THINGS CAN BE
6 CONTROLLED TO WHERE THEY'RE REALLY NON-ISSUES.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. WE HAVE
9 OTHER WITNESSES.

10

11 **EDDY STOVAL:** I'D LIKE TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT WAS JUST SAID.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF, SIR?

14

15 **EDDY STOVAL:** MY NAME IS EDDIE STOVAL. THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY
16 IS VERY UNIQUE. YOU SEE THE KIDS, WHEN THEY SEE HORSES, THEY
17 REALLY LIGHT UP. AND THEIR INTEREST PIQUES. IT'S AN
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS,
19 HOW TO BE FRIENDS WITH THE ANIMAL, AND IT'S VERY GOOD THERAPY
20 FOR THEM. EVEN THE HANDICAPPED KIDS, THEY LOVE THE HORSES. AND
21 THE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED WHERE ALL THE KIDS CAN REALLY,
22 REALLY ENJOY THESE ANIMALS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT
25 WITNESS, AND IF YOU COULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

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2 **LEWIS HOOK:** I'M LEWIS HOOK. I'M THE BOARD CHAIR OF THE COMPTON
3 JUNIOR POSSE. I'VE LIVED ON A RANCH IN COMPTON FOR 25 YEARS.
4 AND I CAN SAY THAT THE COMPLAINTS OF THE PEOPLE IN-- POTENTIAL
5 COMPLAINTS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE NEIGHBORS CAN ALL BE ALLAYED.
6 I'VE LIVED THERE FOR 25 YEARS AND WE DON'T HAVE A BAD SMELLS,
7 FLIES OVERRUNNING US, THOSE THINGS. IT'S THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
8 SITE. AND IN RUNNING THE JUNIOR POSSE, JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON
9 THE THING ABOUT THE KIDS, WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTING KIDS. WE'VE
10 GOT THOUSANDS OF KIDS OVER THE YEARS THAT WE'VE BROUGHT
11 THROUGH AND HAVE WATCHED THEM DEVELOP, USE THE HORSES AS A
12 FOCAL POINT FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT INTO UPSTANDING CITIZENS.
13 AND THIS KIND OF A LOCATION WILL PROVIDE A BROADER ARRAY OF
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE KIDS TO DO THIS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
15 FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. NEXT WITNESS,
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **NATHAN BONNER:** HI, I'M NATHAN BONNER, ALUMNI OF THE COMPTON
21 JUNIOR POSSE. I'M JUST CONTINUING ON WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF
22 THE FACILITY. HORSES HAVE JUST BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS ALLOWED
23 MANY YOUTH IF THE GENERATIONS OF THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE TO
24 GROW. IF WE WERE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SUCH A FACILITY AS WHAT IS
25 BEING PROPOSED TO US, IT WOULD DEFINITELY HELP THE INNER CITY

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1 IN VARIOUS DIFFERENT WAYS, AS EXPLAINED. AND, YES, IT WOULD BE
2 JUST VERY BENEFICIAL AND JUST OPEN UP SO MANY DOORS FOR OUR
3 YOUTH. YES, THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE OTHER
6 WITNESSES. ROBIN GILLIAM. KATHLEEN BLACKSTONE. MAYA SYLVAS.
7 RAFAEL ACEVEDO. NICOLETTE HEIDIGER. SHE MAY NOT BE HERE. GO
8 AHEAD, STATE YOUR NAME.

9

10 **ROBIN GILLIAM:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ROBIN GILLIAM. I'M A LIFE-
11 LONG RESIDENT OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A STUDENT AT
12 PIERCE COLLEGE IN THEIR EQUESTRIAN SCIENCE PROGRAM. AND I'M
13 ALSO A STAFF MEMBER AT THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE. AND I JUST
14 WANT TO QUICKLY GIVE YOU A FEW VIEWPOINTS ABOUT WHY SOUTH L.A.
15 DESERVES AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER. SO SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN
16 CENTER MAKES UP A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF SOUTH L.A. RESIDENTS.
17 IT'S A DIVERSE GROUP OF BLACK AND BROWN ATHLETES, COMMUNITY
18 ORGANIZERS AND EDUCATORS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. THE
19 PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN CENTER WILL A RESOURCE THAT IS WELL
20 MAINTAINED, WELL CARED FOR AND REALLY TREASURED BY THE
21 COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS A COMMITMENT THAT WE'RE STEADFAST IN
22 KEEPING. SOUTH L.A. HAS MANY--BY MANY STANDARDS IT'S KNOWN TO
23 BE A PARK-POOR REGION WHICH IS, I KNOW, A BIG IMPETUS FOR THE
24 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. SO IT'S REALLY OUR RIGHT, IT'S
25 SOMETHING THAT WE DESERVE TO HAVE EQUITY OF ACCESS, TO HAVE

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1 THIS TYPE OF RESOURCE THAT'S SEEN IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND
2 THE OPPORTUNITY POSED BY THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER IS REALLY
3 SOMETHING THAT OUR YOUTHS AND OUR COMMUNITY EQUESTRIANS AND
4 HORSE MEN REALLY DO DESERVE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
7 PLEASE.

8

9 **MAYA SYLVAS:** MY NAME IS MAYA SYLVAS. I'M ALSO A STAFFER AT THE
10 COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK MORE ON A PERSONAL
11 NOTE, THE BENEFITS OF HAVING AN ACCESSIBLE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.
12 I'VE GROWN UP HAVING ACCESS TO HORSES, LUCKILY, ACCESS THROUGH
13 MY FAMILY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PULL THE MIC. IN CLOSER? PULL IT DOWN
16 SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.

17

18 **MAYA SYLVAS:** SO MY CONNECTION IS MORE ON A PERSONAL NOTE. I'M
19 FROM L.A. COUNTY, INGLEWOOD- COMPTON AREA. AND AS A CHILD NOT
20 HAVING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL LED TO, YOU
21 KNOW, POOR CHOICES. SO I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE
22 OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEND TIME WITH HORSES AND UTILIZE MY TIME IN
23 MORE PRODUCTIVE AREAS. I NEVER LET MY COMMUNITY DEFINE MY
24 ACTIONS. SO HAVING THIS RESOURCE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN
25 VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE KIDS.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

3

4 **KATHLEEN BLACKSTONE:** HI, MY NAME'S KATHLEEN BLACKSTONE. I'M A
5 NATIVE ANGELINO AND PROPERTY OWNER IN RICHLAND FARMS, COMPTON,
6 AND I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE
7 DESIGN OF THE PARK AS IT IS NOW. I GOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME
8 OF THOSE PROCESSES. AND I THANK ALL OF YOU, AS WELL, FOR THE
9 ENERGY IT TAKES TO PUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS TOGETHER. I THINK I
10 WANTED TO SHARE FROM MY EXPERIENCE TEACHING IN THE MIDDLE
11 SCHOOL IN WATTS, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO CREATE ACCESS FOR THE
12 COMMUNITY DOWN THERE TO OUR NATURAL WORLD. I THINK THAT THIS
13 GIVES US NEW WAYS TO CONNECT THROUGH A LONG HISTORY OF
14 EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITY IN BOTH BLACK AND LATINO CULTURE. AND IT'S
15 AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THAT HISTORY FOR THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES. SO I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE PLAN AS IT IS CURRENTLY
17 DESIGNED. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL CALL UP RAFAEL
20 ACEVEDO. MAYISHA AKBAR. WILLIAM ALLEN. ABRAHAM DE VILLIERS AND
21 IRLANDA GONZALEZ. STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

22

23 **WILLIAM ALLEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS WILLIAM ALLEN AND I'M A
24 MEMBER OF FLORENCE AND FIRESTONE COMMUNITY LEADERS. I JUST
25 WANT TO SAY THAT A FACILITY LIKE THIS CAN ONLY INCLUDE OUR

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1 COMMUNITY AND WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND US IN THE WORLD.
2 TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS BIG AS IT IS, I ALWAYS
3 WONDERED WHY WE COULDN'T HAVE A FACILITY LIKE THAT HERE,
4 FACILITIES LIKE THAT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT BECAUSE EVERYWHERE
5 ELSE THEY HAVE ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL PARKS, LAKES, KAYAK
6 CENTERS, EVEN AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER. THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING
7 THAT WOULD ONLY ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **IRLANDA GONZALES:** MY NAME IS IRLANDA GONZALES. I WORK A
12 COMMUNITY LIAISON AT BARACK OBAMA CHARTER SCHOOL. I'M HERE TO
13 REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY. I LIVE AROUND THE CORNER OF THE
14 BARACK OBAMA CHARTER SCHOOL. IT IS REALLY NEAR MAGIC JOHNSON
15 PARK. AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PLAN. THIS IS A NEW
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR KIDS. I'M HER TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN BECAUSE
17 I'M THINKING ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. OUR CHILDREN DESERVE THE
18 BEST. THEY'RE THE FUTURE. NOT ONLY IN WILLOWBROOK, BUT AROUND
19 L.A., SO I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

22

23 **MAYISHA AKBAR:** MY NAME IS MAYISHA AKBAR, I'M PARK AND REC.
24 COMMISSIONER FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH IS A VOLUNTEER
25 POSITION. I'M ALSO A REAL ESTATE BROKER FOR 40 YEARS AND I

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1 FOUNDED THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE OVER 28 YEARS AGO, LARGELY ON
2 THE BACK OF VOLUNTEERS. DURING THIS 28 YEARS, WE HAVE FOUND
3 TREMENDOUS CHANGES IN THE CHILDREN. WE STARTED AS A RESPONSE
4 TO A NEED IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE WAS SUCH VIOLENCE,
5 SUCH DEATH, SUCH AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS, SO MUCH PAIN AND
6 SUFFERING THAT WE CREATED THIS PROGRAM TO GIVE THE CHILDREN A
7 SAFE HAVEN, AN OASIS AND WE SAW TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN THESE
8 CHILDREN. NOT ONLY DID WE SEE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, WE
9 BRIDGED RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES ON THE WEST
10 SIDE, ON THE EAST SIDE. SO WE WERE ABLE TO BRING PEOPLE
11 TOGETHER OF ALL ECONOMIC LEVELS. I KNOW ONE OF THE CONCERNS
12 ABOUT THE PARK IS WHETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE PARK
13 ONCE THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOVES ON. MY DONOR BASE HAS
14 TALKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT CREATING A FRIENDS OF THE PARK TO
15 CREATE A STREAM OF INCOME SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
16 THE PARK BEING MAINTAINED ECONOMICALLY. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO
17 CREATE AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER, TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL PARK AND TO
18 CREATE STREAMS OF INCOME TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS MAINTAINED.
19 THE BIG BENEFIT OF CREATING CULTURAL BRIDGES, RELATIONSHIPS
20 HELP OUR CHILDREN TO GO TO COLLEGE, TO HAVE CAREERS. THE
21 EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY IS \$120 BILLION INDUSTRY. THERE ARE
22 HUNDREDS OF CAREERS THAT OUR CHILDREN KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT
23 THEY ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO. IT WOULD BRING ECONOMIC POWER TO
24 THE COMMUNITY, CAREERS, ALL KIND OF THINGS. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE
25 THOUSANDS OF KIDS THAT WE'VE HELPED, THREE GENERATIONS OF KIDS

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1 GO TO COLLEGE, INTO THE MILITARY, INTO BUSINESS OWNERSHIP AND
2 CURRENTLY WE HAVE 20 KIDS IN COLLEGE THAT WE ARE HELPING TO
3 FINANCE WITH SCHOLARSHIPS. AND SO I AM IN FULL APPROVAL OF THE
4 PARK AS IT IS. AND MOST DEFINITELY IN THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER TO
5 BROADEN OUR BASES AND OUR ABILITY TO HELP.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE YOUR COMING DOWN. THANK
8 YOU. NEXT WITNESS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **ABRAHAM DE VILLIERS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ABRAHAM DE VILLIERS AND
11 I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF ANIMO WATTS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY.
12 OUR SCHOOL ABUTS MAGIC JOHNSON PARK ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER
13 NEW AVALON BOULEVARD AND EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD. AS PRINCIPAL,
14 MY NUMBER ONE CONCERN IS ALWAYS THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS. I
15 BELIEVE THAT A RENOVATED PARK WILL BETTER PROVIDE THAT SAFETY
16 BOTH IN THE PARK AND ALONG THE ADJACENT STREETS. MORE VISITORS
17 TO THE PARK WILL REQUIRE MORE CROSSWALKS OVER THE STREETS,
18 INCLUDING AREAS CLOSE TO THE THREE SCHOOLS IN AREA, LIKE ON
19 AVALON AND 127TH WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO SECURE IN
20 COLLABORATION WITH PUBLIC WORKS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL SAFETY
21 CONCERNS. A SAFER PARK MEANS A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD, SAFER
22 STREETS AND SAFER SCHOOLS. AS A SCHOOL, WE ARE INCREDIBLY
23 EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE IN A RENOVATED PARK
24 WITH AN EVENTS CENTER AND AMPHITHEATRE MIGHT PROVIDE US IN
25 UPCOMING YEARS. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK

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1 MASTER PLAN BECAUSE OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES DESERVE A SAFER
2 AND MORE ATTRACTIVE AREA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL
5 UP SHEILA HAMILTON CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ. MARVIN HORN. ART JONES
6 AND KIM ALEXANDER. YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

7

8 **NICOLETTA HEIDIGER:** MY NAME IS NICOLETTA HEIDIGER, SPEAKING ON
9 BEHALF OF THE COMPTON POSSE AND THE EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

12

13 **NICOLETTE HEIDINGER:** SO I AM A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
14 INTERN. I ATTENDED STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND PEPPERDINE AND I'VE
15 BEEN WORKING WITH THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE FOR A FEW YEARS NOW
16 AND I'VE SEEN THE AMAZING BENEFITS, BOTH ON THE COMMUNITY AND
17 THE CHILDREN ALIKE. EVERYTHING FROM EDUCATION TO HOW THEY
18 INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE CULTURE AND HOW IT'S
19 HELPED THEM IN TERMS OF GETTING INTO COLLEGES. BUT MOST
20 IMPORTANTLY THERE'S PHYSICAL, EMOTION AND AND MENTAL HEALTH.
21 AND THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT IS PRIMARY AND STANDARD, AND
22 A STANDARD OF CARE FOR EVERY CHILD AND TO HAVE THAT
23 OPPORTUNITY. AND I THINK TO HAVE THIS PARK WITH THESE
24 EXTENSION OF RESOURCES BOTH THROUGH THE COMMUNITY AND FOR
25 THESE KIDS, I MEAN YOU CAN'T ARGUE THE EFFECTS THAT IT'S HAD.

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1 THERE'S UNLIMITED RESEARCH BOTH IN OUR GROUP AND IN MY OWN
2 PROFESSIONAL OPINION THAT TO HAVE THIS PARK AND TO HAVE THE
3 EQUESTRIAN CENTER THERE, IT WOULD BE SILLY NOT TO HAVE IT.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

6

7 **CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME'S CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ AND I'M
8 WITH THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WALNUT PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
9 IT IS WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM THAT THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE,
10 WALNUT PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR
11 CONSIDERATION, SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE NEWLY PROPOSED
12 MAGIC JOHNSON MASTER PLAN. ALTHOUGH THIS PARK WOULD NOT BE
13 LOCATED IN FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO
14 REALIZE THAT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAVEL TO SURROUNDING AREAS
15 OF THE COUNTY TO ENJOY ALL OF ITS WONDERS AT EACH AREA OFFERS,
16 SUCH AS GRIFFITH PARK, ALONDRA PARK, KENNETH HAHN RECREATIONAL
17 PARK AND THE BOTANICAL GARDENS. THIS GREEN SPACE IS MUCH
18 NEEDED AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, DESIRED BY OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.
19 THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK MASTER PLAN ILLUSTRATES AN AREA WHERE
20 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES
21 SUCH AS FISHING, SPLASH PADS, A DOG PARK AND COMMUNITY EVENTS.
22 THESE AMENITIES WILL REJUVENATE THE COMMUNITY WHILE ATTRACTING
23 FAMILIES FROM SURROUNDING AREAS TO ENJOY THE PARK AND ALL OF
24 ITS ATTRACTIONS. I THINK WE CAN-- THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, SIR.

2

3 **ART JONES:** MY NAME IS ART JONES I'M WITH THE FLORENCE
4 FIRESTONE COMMUNITY LEADERS. I AM ALSO AN EX-EMPLOYEE OR
5 RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND REC. I ALSO HAD THE
6 PRIVILEGE OF BEING A SUPERVISOR OF MAGIC JOHNSON PARK. LOOKING
7 AT THIS MASTER PLAN, I APPLAUD IT. I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF
8 THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT IN BRINGING FORTH SOMETHING THAT
9 WE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF. ALL THE AMENITIES THAT
10 THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT AND WANTING TO ADD WILL ONLY ENHANCE THE
11 AREA, ONLY GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE COMMUNITY, THE
12 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA OF FLORENCE FIRESTONE AND
13 ALL THE OTHER AREAS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. SO I THANK THE BOARD
14 AND I THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMING FORTH WITH THIS PLAN.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **KIM ALEXANDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM ALEXANDER AND
20 I'M WITH THE AVALON GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. FOR ME, THE
21 PARK IS NOT THE CHALLENGE. IT'S THE TOXICITY. AND OF COURSE IF
22 WE CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE LIVE THERE, HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY HAVE AN
23 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. I'M STUMPED ON THAT. I REALLY, REALLY AM.
24 AND MY CONCERN IS WHAT IS CONSIDERED? WHAT'S THE ACCEPTABLE
25 LEVEL? I KNOW I'M ON A LIMITED TIME BUT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, I

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1 LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS A RARE FORM OF M.S. AND HE NEEDS
2 TO WALK. HE NEEDS AN AQUATIC CENTER. HE NEEDS TO SWIM. I
3 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE HIM TO JESSE OWENS OR TO DOMINGUEZ. I
4 SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM TO A LOCAL PARK. SO, AGAIN,
5 CLEANING, THAT'S BEAUTIFUL. BUT WE NEED IT VERY CLEAN. IF YOU
6 CAN LIVE THERE, THEN I SUPPOSE, YES, YOU CAN RIDE THERE. BUT I
7 DON'T THINK THAT THE TWO GO HAND-IN-HAND. SO I'M FOR IT. I
8 WANT THE PROPERTY VALUE TO INCREASE FOR EVERYONE IN THE
9 NEIGHBORHOOD. ABSOLUTE, MINE, TOO. AS I SAY I LIVE THERE. BUT
10 THAT TOXICITY, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I DON'T THINK
11 IT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA. NOT NOW FOR THE HORSES. THANK YOU.
12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO CALL UP
15 AGAIN RAFAEL ACEVEDO IF HE'S HERE. SHEILA HAMILTON AND MARVIN
16 HORN. THEY'RE NOT HERE? OKAY. WE HAVE LUCERO SANCHEZ I BELIEVE
17 NEEDS A TRANSLATOR. LUCERO SANCHEZ. TRE HOSLEY. LISA FULTON.
18 SU NOMBRE?

19

20 **LUCERO SANCHEZ:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LUCERO
21 SANCHEZ. I AM HERE BECAUSE I AM IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. I AM
22 A MOTHER OF TWO. AND IN THE PARK, THERE ISN'T ANY OPPORTUNITY
23 FOR THE KIDS. THERE'S A SMALL AREA. AND ON THE WEEKENDS, IT IS
24 VERY FULL FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY. I EXERCISE EVERY MORNING. I
25 WALK THE PARK TWICE. THERE ISN'T ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE TO

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1 EXERCISE, AS WELL. ONLY WALK, RUN AND RIDE BICYCLES I WOULD
2 LIKE TO HAVE MY KIDS TO HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENTERTAIN
3 THEMSELVES AND EXERCISE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **LISA FULTON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LISA FULTON. AND I AM ALSO IN
8 FAVOR OF THE PARK AND SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE
9 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. AND JUST WANTED TO SPEAK TO A FEW OF THE
10 PSYCHOTHERAPY FACTS WITH REGARD TO EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPY AND
11 THE EFFECT THAT IT HAS ON SPECIFICALLY AT-RISK ADOLESCENTS
12 BETWEEN AGES 12 AND 18. THERE'S LOTS OF RESEARCH OUT THERE.
13 ONE SPECIFICALLY REGARDING THE E.A.P., EQUINE ASSISTED
14 PSYCHOTHERAPY, THE GROUNDWORK WITH THE HORSES. AS MR. GLYNN
15 TURMAN WAS SAYING, I'VE WORKED WITH HIM AND HIS CAMP FOR OVER
16 25 YEARS. JUST EVEN THE GROUNDWORK IF YOU LOOK INTO THE
17 RESEARCH OF WHAT THAT ENTAILS FOR ADOLESCENTS TO BE ABLE TO
18 WORK AROUND HORSES. ALSO EVEN THE MOUNTED EXPERIENCE UP ON TOP
19 OF A HORSE GIVES THE CHILD A FEELING OF SECURITY AND
20 PREDICTABILITY. AND IT'S A LOT OF THERAPY REGARDING HORSES
21 THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE IN THE CITY. THE CAMP
22 THAT I WAS INVOLVED WITH AND I WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE CAMP FOR
23 SEVERAL YEARS, WE SAW LIVES CHANGED WHEN THESE CHILDREN HAD AN
24 OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE. BUT IT'S LIKE AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY FROM

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1 L.A. SO TO HAVE SOMETHING IN THE CITY THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE
2 WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE IS, TO ME, VITAL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NEXT
5 WITNESS, SIR?

6

7 **TRE HOSLEY:** HI, MY NAME IS TRE HOSLEY. I AM 22 YEARS OLD. I'VE
8 BEEN RAISED IN COMPTON, CALIFORNIA MY ENTIRE LIFE. I'M AN
9 ALUMNI OF THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE. AND TODAY I AM A
10 PROFESSIONAL RODEO ATHLETE. I ACTUALLY ATTENDED COLLEGE ON A
11 RODEO SCHOLARSHIP. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM FROM
12 COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. BEEN THERE MY ENTIRE LIFE. ONE THING THAT
13 I'M HERE FOR TODAY IS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE NOT ONLY
14 HAVE I BENEFITED FROM THIS, BUT OTHER MEMBERS OF MY GENERATION
15 AND GENERATIONS TO COME HAVE GREATLY BENEFITED FROM THE FAMILY
16 ENVIRONMENT THAT IS PRESENTED IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE LIKE AN
17 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. ONE THING THAT I'VE NOTICED IN MY LIFE IS
18 THAT KIDS IN THIS AREA THAT HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE THINGS OF
19 THIS SORT, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE'RE BEING BLINDFOLDED TO WAY
20 MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US. LIKE
21 NOW I'VE STARTED SHOWING HORSES. KIDS COULD BECOME VETS AND
22 THINGS OF THE SORT. BUT WITHOUT EVER BEING EXPOSED TO AN
23 ENVIRONMENT OF SUCH, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE THAT IDEA. DO YOU
24 KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? THANKS.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ASIA CARTER
2 THOMAS? BENNIE MOORE? JOSEPH MCAFEE AND PATSY MCAFEE.

3

4 **ASIA CARTER THOMAS:** HI, MY NAME ASIA AND I'M HERE REGARDING
5 THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. I HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE THE EQUESTRIAN
6 CENTER BECAUSE HORSES IN GENERAL ARE VERY HEALING AND THEY CAN
7 HELP YOU AND VERY THERAPEUTIC. IN MY CASE THEY HELPED ME THINK
8 AND THEY'RE VERY CALMING TO ME AND THEY MAKE ME FEEL PROUD OF
9 MYSELF BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I COULD TAKE CARE OF A LIVING
10 THING. AND I THINK THAT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER WOULD BE GREAT.
11 AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A CHOICE BETWEEN DOING THE RIGHT
12 THING AND DOING STUFF THAT'S EASY. SO I THINK HOPEFULLY THAT
13 YOU GUYS WILL CHOOSE THE RIGHT THING. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WOW. YES, SIR.

16

17 **BENNIE MOORE:** HELLO MY NAME IS BENNIE MOORE. AND I'D LIKE TO
18 SAY I WAS RAISED AROUND HORSE STABLES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.
19 IT GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY AS A YOUNG KID TO BE ABLE TO BECOME
20 SOMEBODY. TO THINK WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, YOU SAY WHAT AM I GOING
21 TO DO WITH MY LIFE? WELL, STABLES, IT GAVE ME THAT
22 OPPORTUNITY. I BECAME A PROFESSIONAL STUNT MAN. PEOPLE WOULD
23 COME BY THE HORSE STABLE, PROFESSIONAL ACTORS AND WHAT HAVE
24 YOU, WOODY STRODE WAS IN "SPARTACUS" WITH KIRK DOUGLAS. I HAD
25 THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH JOHN WAYNE AND ALL THE BURT

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1 REYNOLDS MOVIES, ALL THE "TERMINATORS" AND WHAT HAVE YOU. DUE
2 TO THE STABLES THAT I LEARNED A PROFESSIONAL CRAFT, WHICH WAS
3 PROFESSIONAL RODEOING. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL
4 RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION, WHICH I STILL AM. I'M WITH A GROUP
5 CALLED STUNTS UNLIMITED WHICH IS WITH THE MOTION PICTURE
6 INDUSTRY. SCREEN ACTORS GUILD. AND THE BENEFIT OF A STABLE, IT
7 CREATED PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE TO LEARN A CRAFT AND GO OUT AND BE
8 ABLE TO PAY TAXES AND MAKE A PROFESSIONAL LIVING. FOR THE
9 SCHOOLS, IT WILL BE UNBELIEVABLE. IT WILL BENEFIT THE SCHOOLS.
10 KIDS CAN COME AND THEY CAN LEARN A CRAFT, HORSE HUSBANDRY. AND
11 AS FAR AS PEOPLE THAT HAVE THERAPEUTIC PROBLEM, IT'S A KNOWN
12 PROVEN FACT THAT HORSES CREATE A RELAXATION TO PEOPLE THAT
13 HAVE PROBLEMS, THERAPEUTIC AND WHAT HAVE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **BENNIE MOORE:** AND THE BENEFIT OF THE STABLES IS I'M SURE TO
18 THIS BOARD. AND I KNOW IT WILL BE A BENEFIT AND WILL CREATE
19 TAX REVENUES FOR THE STATE, THE COUNTIES AND WHAT HAVE YOU.
20 IT'LL BE A BIG BENEFIT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR, FOR YOUR
23 TIME. [APPLAUSE.] I HAD CALLED UP JOSEPH MCAFEE AND PATSY
24 MCAFEE. ARE THEY HERE? GUESS NOT. JOE RANDLE? KIMBERLEY
25 CARTER. MARILYN HILL. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1

2 **KIMBERLEY CARTER:** HI, MY NAME IS KIMBERLEY CARTER AND I'M HERE
3 TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF INCLUDING THE STABLES, THE EQUESTRIAN
4 CENTER IN THE PLAN. MY GRANDDAUGHTER, ASIA CARTER THOMAS, JUST
5 GOT THROUGH SPEAKING. I WORKED WITH CHILDREN IN A LOT OF
6 DIFFERENT HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS FOR YEARS AND YEARS. AND THE
7 BENEFITS OF BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH HORSES, THERE'S
8 JUST VOLUMES OF EVIDENCE THAT SPEAKS TO HOW THAT IMPROVES
9 THEIR LIVES ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY. IT'S AN
10 INCREDIBLE THERAPEUTIC EFFECT. AND AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER WOULD
11 PROVIDE JUST A WIDE SCOPE OF INFLUENCE NOT ONLY WITHIN THE
12 COMMUNITY BUT WITH NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. AND THERE'S A HIGH
13 DEMAND FOR A PROGRAM AND NOT ENOUGH VENUES AND THAT WOULD PUT
14 THE COMMUNITY AT AN ADVANTAGE THAT WAY.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JOE RANDLE:** MY NAME IS JOE RANDLE, GOOD AFTERNOON. AS A
19 CITIZEN OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WE ARE QUITE
20 EXCITED ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK. NOT ONLY
21 WILL THIS BE AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE
22 GENERATIONS, IT WOULD ALSO SERVE TO REVITALIZE THE SOUTH LOS
23 ANGELES WILLOWBROOK AREA. AND CERTAINLY THAT AREA NEEDS
24 SOMETHING AT THIS POINT IN TIME. SO WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE
25 PHASES THAT ARE TO TAKE PLACE AND CERTAINLY THE LAST PHASE

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1 WHICH WILL COMPLETE THE PROJECT. SO WE SALUTE THE SUPERVISORS
2 AND THEIR EFFORTS TO GET THIS ACCOMPLISHED. WE CERTAINLY THANK
3 ALL OF YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THAT GREAT AREA. THAT'S A GREAT
4 AREA. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **MARILYN HILL:** I'M MARILYN HILL. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I'M
10 AN IMMIGRANT FOR ALMOST NOW 22 YEARS. I LIVE 1 MILE AWAY FROM
11 MAGIC JOHNSON AND IT WAS A DREAM TO LOOK AT ALL THIS TIME THAT
12 YOU HAVE TO PUT BACK IN YOUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WE HAVE ALWAYS
13 LIKE GET TOGETHER OF THE FAMILY, WE ALWAYS GO TO LAKEWOOD CITY
14 OR GARDENA OR REDONDO BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR AMENITIES.
15 THERE'S CIVIC CENTER, COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUTH, THE
16 EMPHACISE IT, SO WHY NOT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND GIVE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO OUR OWN PEOPLE, OUR COMMUNITY? PUT BACK TO WORK
18 THE PEOPLE AND ENJOY LIKE ME, I'M A GRANDMA NOW AND A SENIOR
19 CITIZEN AND I CAN BRING MY YOUNG GRANDKIDS. MY GRANDSON SAID,
20 THERE'S NOTHING THERE, GRANDMA. I CANNOT GO WITH YOU." THANK
21 YOU FOR THIS PROJECT. I'M LOOKING FORWARD.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE ARNOLD
24 SACHS. BOBBY BROWN. TROY WALKER. LUGENIA RICKS. WELCOME, STATE
25 YOUR NAME, SIR.

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1

2 **BOBBY BROWN:** MY NAME IS BOBBY BROWN. WHEN BOBBIE MOORE CAME UP
3 HERE AND SPOKE, WE GREW UP AT THE SAME STABLE. AND A LOT OF
4 POSITIVE THINGS CAME OUT OF THERE. I WORKED ON ALL THE
5 CALIFORNIA RACE TRACKS, I WORKED ON RODEO CIRCUIT AND IT KEPT
6 ME OUT OF TROUBLE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PARK BUILT FOR
7 THE KIDS THAT'S GROWING UP THESE DAYS BECAUSE I MAY NOT BE
8 HERE TO SEE THAT BUT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS PARK COME UP
9 WITH THE EQUINE CENTER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?

12

13 **TROY WALKER:** MY NAME IS TROY WALKER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
14 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
15 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. HORSES. OUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES OF
16 AMERICA, AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS FORMED ON HORSEBACK.
17 WITHOUT THAT, WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. HORSES ARE
18 AN INTIMATE PART OF OUR LIVES. IT'S VERY THERAPEUTIC. WHEN
19 CHILD SEES A HORSE, THEY LOOK AT THIS 600, 800-POUND ANIMAL
20 AND THEY'RE LIKE, WOW, LOOK AT THE FREEDOM I COULD HAVE ON THE
21 BACK OF THIS HORSE. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS CHAMBER WHO HAVE
22 FAMILY MEMBERS, THEY HAVE HORSES. BUT SOMEWHERE IN YOUR LIFE
23 YOU TOOK A FALL AND SAID THAT'S IT. I'M NOT GETTING BACK ON IT
24 NO MORE. [LAUGHTER.] YOU CHEAT YOURSELF. HORSES TO KIDS, I USE
25 MY DAUGHTER AS AN EXAMPLE, SHE STARTED OFF SEVEN YEARS OLD

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1 RIDING A HORSE. SHE WON MANY HONORS HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND
2 EVEN WENT ON TO GRADUATE FROM RIVERSIDE COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE
3 IN VETERINARIAN. SHE IS FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF THE
4 FEATURE RIDER AT EXCALIBUR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. I ASK YOU
5 TO PLEASE APPROVE THIS EQUESTRIAN CENTER. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE ALSO RIDES IN THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES
10 PARADE EVERY NEW YEAR'S DAY.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

13

14 **LUGENIA RICKS:** MY NAME IS LUGENIA RICKS AND I'M ALSO FOUNDER
15 OF A YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND A CO-FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN SOUL
16 CHARITY RODEO. I HAVE TWO GRANDCHILDREN, THEY'RE THIRD
17 GENERATION COWBOYS. AND THEY'RE TEN YEARS OLD AND THEY RIDE
18 PROFESSIONALLY. THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING ABOUT
19 THAT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE STABLES IN THAT ATHENS AREA. SO I AM
20 IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO
21 TO BURBANK OR CITY OF INDUSTRY. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO RIDE
22 IN OUR OWN AREA.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE ARNOLD
25 SACHS. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. JUANITA THOMPSON. SHARON RANDLE.

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1 ALICE CRAFT. MA'AM, COME ON UP, WELCOME. STATE YOUR NAME,
2 MA'AM?

3

4 **ALICE CRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALICE CRAFT. AND I
5 LIVE IN THE ROSEWOOD AREA. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF AVALON
6 GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO SAY ONE THING. MOST
7 OF THE PEOPLE-- ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM
8 THAT ARE FOR THE CENTER BEING THERE DO NOT LIVE IN THE
9 COMMUNITY. I DO. [APPLAUSE.] I LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. I'VE
10 BEEN THERE FOR OVER 53 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] AND I CANNOT
11 UNDERSTAND WHY NO ONE IS LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE
12 AROUND THAT PARK. [APPLAUSE.] THAT PARK IS LOCATED WHERE HOMES
13 ARE SITTING BEHIND THE WALL OF THAT PARK. HOMES ARE ALL
14 AROUND. WE DON'T NEED AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER THERE. [APPLAUSE.]
15 WE NEED AN AQUATIC CENTER. WE HAVE A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS.
16 THEY CANNOT GET IN A POOL TO EXERCISE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE
17 ONE IN OUR AREA. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

20

21 **ALICE CRAFT:** AND WE HAVE VOTED AND VOTED AND BEEN TO MEETINGS
22 TO STATE HOW WE FEEL. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE, LIKE I
23 SAID. THEY DON'T LIVE THERE. WE DO.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **ALICE CRAFT:** AND WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. CAN I HAVE THE NEXT
5 WITNESS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NA.

6

7 **JUANITA THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS JUANITA THOMPSON. AND I'VE LIVED
8 ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PARK BEFORE IT WAS A PARK. AND I'VE
9 BEEN THERE FOR 45 YEARS. AND I RAISED MY KIDS THERE. AND I
10 DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP SMELLING HORSE POOP AND FLIES. SO THAT'S
11 MY OBJECTION. AND I LOVE HORSES, BUT I DON'T WANT THEM NEXT
12 DOOR TO ME. I DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP TO THAT. [APPLAUSE.] SO IF
13 WE CAN GET SOMETHING FOR THE SENIORS WHERE THEY CAN HAVE A
14 LONG LIFE, WHERE THEY CAN ENJOY THEMSELVES IN THE POOLS, IN
15 THE WATER AND STUFF, THAT'S FINE. BECAUSE I'VE WENT THROUGH
16 THE DUCKS AND ALL POLLUTION THAT WE HAD, BECAUSE I WAS THERE
17 WHEN THEY MADE THE FIRST PARK, AND THEY HAD EVERYTHING IN
18 THERE. I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING THIS NOW. BUT NO HORSES. NO
19 FLIES. AND NO BOO BOO. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **SHARON RANDLE:** MY NAME IS SHARON RANDLE. I LIVE ACROSS THE
24 STREET FROM THE PARK, AS WELL. I AM AGAINST THE HORSES. THIS
25 IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. WE DID NOT BEGIN THIS COUNTRY ON THE

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1 BACKS OF HORSES; WE BEGAN ON THE BACKS OF BLACK PEOPLE. THAT'S
2 HOW THIS COUNTRY STARTED. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT HORSES
3 DON'T BELONG IN THIS TYPE URBAN AREA. IT IS UNTHINKABLE TO PUT
4 HORSES THERE RIGHT IN MY FRONT YARD, IN MY BACKYARD. YES,
5 PLEASE IMPROVE THE PARK. YES, PLEASE MAINTAIN THE PARK. BUT
6 PUTTING HUGE 800-POUND TO 1200-POUND ANIMALS IN OUR PARK WHERE
7 YOU CAN'T EVEN DEAL WITH THE DOG AND DUCK POOP AS IT IS.
8 PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ANIMALS IN OUR PARK. I'M NOT AGAINST
9 HORSES. I'M NOT AGAINST HORSE PEOPLE. BUT THIS IS ABSOLUTELY
10 RIDICULOUS. IMPROVE THE PARK. DO NOT-- PLEASE DO NOT PUT A
11 HORSE STABLE IN OUR PARK. HORSES SHOULD NEVER BE A LINE ITEM
12 AND TAKE HUGE CHUNKS OF MONEY THAT COULD BE PUT TO BETTER HELP
13 AND TO BETTER SERVE THE BASIC ISSUES OF HUMAN LIFE IN OUR
14 PARKS, FOR EVERYBODY, NOT A SELECT COMMUNITY. I DO NOT APPLAUD
15 YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. I WAS AT EVERY MEETING. I'M SORRY. BUT
16 YOU DID NOT STAND UP FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP
19 MARCIA JONES. GRACE BUSBY. LEE WILSON. THOMAS LOCKHART. GO
20 AHEAD.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THANK YOU. YES. I LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY. NO
23 ON THE HORSES. WE DON'T WANT RIDLEY-THOMAS TO BRING HORSES AND
24 HORSE POOP OVER TO THE SOUTH AREA. LEAVE THE HORSES IN THE
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY. SEE, SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5. WE HAVE OUR

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1 RANCHES. WE HAVE GRIFFITH PARK. THE HORSES LIKE IT THERE. THE
2 HORSES DON'T WANT TO GO THERE WHERE THEY'RE NOT WANTED. HORSES
3 UNDERSTAND. YOU CAN LOOK AT THEIR LITTLE EARS THE WAY THEY
4 POINT UP OR DOWN. ASK ANY HORSE: DO YOU LIKE MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS? NO. NO. NO. AND THEY DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH
6 HIM. I'M NOT INTO HORSES.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REMIND YOU, IF
9 YOU WANT TO LIFT YOUR HANDS, THAT'S FINE BUT WE HAVE TO
10 MAINTAIN DECORUM HERE.

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NO ON THE HORSES. NO ON THE HORSES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME'S UP. THANK YOU. NEXT
15 WITNESS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **GRACE BUSBY:** MY NAME IS GRACE BUSBY, AND I AM A COMMUNITY
18 PERSON. AND I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH OF OUR
19 NEIGHBORS. SO I WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL
20 IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
21 KNOW, AT LEAST I DO, A LOT MORE ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF
22 MITIGATING MEASURES. THEY HAVE ABOUT 12 OF THEM HERE. AND I AM
23 CONCERNED. THEY HAVE USED THESE MITIGATING MEASURES TO SAY
24 THAT THESE 12 AREAS HERE WILL BE OKAY. I DON'T KNOW THAT
25 THEY'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE

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1 BECAUSE IT'S GOT SOME SERIOUS SECTIONS LISTED HERE. AND WE
2 DON'T KNOW THAT. AND THERE ARE-- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE
3 WATER. CAN THE HORSES DRINK THE WATER? I DON'T KNOW. CAN WE
4 DRINK THE WATER? AT ONE TIME THEY SAID THEY HAD SIGNS OUT
5 THERE THAT SAID THAT WE COULDN'T DRINK THE WATER, EITHER. THE
6 FISH CAN'T-- WE CAN'T EAT THE FISH. I'M STILL WONDERING ABOUT
7 THESE E.P.A. REPORTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED. AND THAT BOTHERS
8 ME BECAUSE THAT HAS--

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **GRACE BUSBY:** GIVE ME ONE MORE MINUTE. OUR CHILDREN HAVE
13 PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THEM FOR YEARS. JUST LIKE WITH THE LEAD
14 CONTENT OF THE WATER. SO OKAY. EXXON, I DON'T BELIEVE. IT HAS
15 BROUGHT THESE PEOPLE TO A FINISH TO KEEP FROM CLEARING UP THAT
16 AREA AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DO. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
17 SEE IS THE HORSES, IF WE GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT LIKE
18 DISNEYLAND, WE DON'T HAVE THAT. AND THE COUNTY WILL NOT PERMIT
19 IT. YOU CAN'T CLEAN UP THAT WELL.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS
22 EXPIRED. WE'VE GOT SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE. I'D BE CRITICIZED IF
23 I GAVE YOU MORE TIME. YOU WENT OVER A MINUTE. JUST ONE LAST
24 STATEMENT. ONE LAST STATEMENT.

25

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1 **GRACE BUSBY:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU. THAT'S KIND OF YOU. I WOULD
2 LIKE TO SEE MAKE SURE THAT THE WATER IS GOOD, THAT SENIORS
3 COULD HAVE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GO TO A SWIMMING POOL BECAUSE
4 AT MY AGE, AND I'M 88, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO INTO THE
5 POOL AND GET SOME KIND OF THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT. AND THE
6 CHILDREN WOULD HAVE A LOT OF FUN. I'M SORRY I CAN'T TALK NO
7 MORE. HAVE A GOOD DAY AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?
10 MA'AM?

11

12 **MARCIA JONES:** MY NAME IS MARCIA JONES. AND I WANTED TO FIRST
13 THANK THE COUNTY FOR FINALLY DOING SOMETHING WITH MAGIC
14 JOHNSON PARK. IT HAS LOOKED A MESS FOR QUITE A WHILE. BUT I
15 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD KNOW THAT WE, THE
16 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND PRAY IN THAT COMMUNITY
17 SURROUNDING MAGIC JOHNSON PARK DO NOT WANT HORSE STABLES AT
18 OUR PARK. WE, INSTEAD, WOULD PREFER TO HAVE TWO INDOOR
19 SWIMMING POOLS, ONE THAT COULD BE USED FOR RECREATION,
20 SWIMMING LESSONS, SWIM TEAM AND ANOTHER FOR THERAPEUTIC AND
21 EXERCISE. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE MORE CONDUCIVE TO THE
22 COMMUNITY THAT WE LIVE IN. BUT THE COMMUNITY OF SENIORS, IT
23 WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL TO THEM. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
24 LIVE BY THE SENTIMENT THAT IF YOU DON'T STAND UP FOR
25 SOMETHING, YOU'LL FALL FOR ANYTHING. AND WE DON'T WANT TO FALL

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1 FOR HAVING AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE DON'T
2 WANT. SO THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY,
3 STAND UP. WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO DON'T WANT HORSE
4 STABLES ARE GOING TO STAND UP. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
5 STANDING UP. AND ONE LAST THING, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF
6 YOU APPROVE THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN THE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR
7 MAGIC JOHNSON PARK AND SHAME ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO
8 SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MORE SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.
11 NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

12

13 **THOMAS LOCKHART:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GOOD MORNING. I'M THOMAS
14 LOCKHART. I HAVE A RESIDENT OF WILLOWBROOK, CALIFORNIA. I COME
15 UP AROUND HORSES ALL MY LIFE. I COME ALONG WITH-- HORSES BEEN
16 IN MY LIFE ALL MY LIFE. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT BENEFIT TO ME AND
17 IT HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL TO LEAD ME TO WHERE I LOVE COMING AND
18 STAYING AT AND IT'S ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. THEY NEED LOVE. I
19 THINK PEOPLE ARE VERY SELFISH WHEN IT COMES INTO NOT WANTING
20 TO PROVIDE FOR OUR CHILDREN. YOU HAVE LIVED A LIFE THAT YOU
21 LIVED, BUT LET OUR LOVED ONES COME UP AND HAVE THE
22 OPPORTUNITIES THAT A LOT DON'T HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I JUST
23 WANT TO THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR SUPPORTING THE EQUESTRIAN
24 CENTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS.

2 [APPLAUSE.] SIR, GO AHEAD.

3

4 **LEE WILSON:** YES. MY NAME IS LEE WILSON. I LIVE AROUND THE
5 MAGIC JOHNSON PARK. I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS THE EXCEPTION OF
6 THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK WHEN MAGIC JOHNSON WAS THERE AND THEY
7 DEDICATED THE PARK IN HIS NAME. NOW, I AM FOR RENOVATION OF
8 THE PARK IN EVERY KIND OF WAY, BUT I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
9 HOW IT'S SET FORTH. ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS IS IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT
10 TAKES AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR YOU TO RENOVATE A PARK. THE
11 PARK HAS BEEN IN NEED OF RENOVATION FOR A LONG TIME. FOR THREE
12 DAYS-- I WALK THE PARK EVERY DAY. FOR THREE DAYS-- AND I MET
13 THIS LADY BEFORE, I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE CALLED MY HOUSE-- BUT
14 FOR THREE DAYS THERE WAS A DEAD DUCK IN THE BRIDGE, UNDER THE
15 BRIDGE. AND I CALLED IT IN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONS
16 FOR THREE DAYS. AND NOTHING WAS DONE. FINALLY I CALLED
17 DOWNTOWN TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. THEN SOMETHING WAS
18 DONE. ALSO A YOUNG LADY, I'M NOT A YOUNG LADY, BUT A CHILD WAS
19 WALKING OVER THE BRIDGE, AND SHE BEGAN TO THROW UP BECAUSE OF
20 THE STENCH THAT WAS EMITTING FROM THE LAKE. NOW, I ALSO CALLED
21 IN ABOUT THAT. SO FINALLY THEY BROUGHT IN TANKERS TO HELP
22 CLEAN THE LAKE. I'M THE ONE WHO DID THAT. OKAY. AND WHAT I'M
23 SAYING IS THIS: EVERY DAY I WALK THERE AND I SEE DUCK POO OR
24 FECES THERE ALL THE TIME. AND WHEN I ASK THE PERSON WHO'S IN
25 CHARGE OF CLEANING IT UP, HE SAYS THAT'S NOT HIS JOB. WHEN I

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1 ASKED ABOUT WHO'S GOING TO GET THE DUCK OUT OF THE LAKE THAT'S
2 DEAD THAT'S SITTING THERE DECAYING HE SAID THAT'S NOT HIS JOB.
3 SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I WOULD BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD
4 KEEP UP THE HORSE STABLES IS WHAT THEY ARE. YOU KEEP SAYING
5 THEY'RE EQUESTRIAN CENTERS. BUT REALLY YOU JUST TO BRING FORTH
6 HORSE STABLES. OKAY. THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN SUCH SUPPORT OF
7 THESE HORSE STABLES DO NOT LIVE IN THAT COMMUNITY THAT I LIVE
8 IN. OKAY. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM AT MAGIC JOHNSON PARK. I WALK
9 THERE EVERY DAY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

12

13 **LEE WILSON:** (OFF MIC. COMMENTS). I'M SO PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS
14 BECAUSE I LOVE THAT PARK. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. I LOVE
15 THAT PARK. ALL I'M SAYING IS THIS. WHY SHOULD IT TAKE THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF HORSE STABLES TO RENOVATE SOMETHING THAT
17 SHOULD HAVE BEEN RENOVATED YEARS AGO? DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
18 AND I'M GOING TO SAY THIS AND I WILL GET OUT OF HERE. YOU GO
19 TO JESSE OWENS PARK. YOU GO TO TED WATSON'S PARK. AND YOU GO
20 TO ATHENS PARK. AND THEY HAVE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ALL AROUND
21 THE PARK. AT MAGIC JOHNSON, I ASKED ONE OF THE WORKERS THERE
22 WHY WE DON'T HAVE THAT. HE SAID, BECAUSE THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS ALLOCATED THE MONEY FOR THE PARK TO BE SENT
24 ELSEWHERE. NOW I'M JUST SAYING WELL THE STAFF (CONTINUED OFF
25 MIC. COMMENTS). I HAVE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU'RE GOING WAY OVER NOW. MAYBE
3 WE CAN HAVE STAFF TALK TO YOU IF THAT'S MORE APPROPRIATE?
4 THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL
5 UP STEPHANIE ABRONSON. RANDY HUGHES. SWEET ALICE. LOUIS EMIL.
6 I THINK SWEET ALICE SPOKE ALREADY. LOUIS EMIL. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. IF
9 YOU HAD A CHANCE, YOU MIGHT HAVE PICKED THIS UP AT THE RAILING
10 OVER HERE. IT'S THE FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM, THE PHASE 1
11 REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE THE PHASE 1
12 REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN WAS ACTUALLY TO BUILD UJIMA VILLAGE. THEN
13 THEY TORE IT DOWN. SO THIS IS PHASE 2. SO BELIEVE WHAT YOU
14 WANT TO BELIEVE. SOMEBODY ASKED PEOPLE TO STAND UP IN THE
15 AUDIENCE IF YOU'RE A HOMEOWNER, WOULD YOU STAND UP? BECAUSE
16 YOU'VE BEEN PAYING TWO REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS
17 ASSESSMENTS TOTALING ABOUT \$78 A YEAR SINCE 1992 ON
18 PROPOSITION A AND THE REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FUNDS FOR
19 PARKS. IF YOU LIVE IN MALIBU, YOU CAN GET THE PROPERTY BOUGHT
20 THROUGH THE MALIBU CONSERVATION, THROUGH CITY ACCESS FUND AND
21 COUNTY ACCESS FUNDS. SOMEBODY MENTIONED, I BELIEVE RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS MENTIONED, FUNDING NEEDED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS
23 PARK. WHY NOT USE COUNTY ACCESS FUNDS FOR PARKS? WHY NOT USE
24 THAT PARK PROPOSITION FUND FOR THIS PARK? PEOPLE DON'T WANT,
25 PEOPLE WANT, THERE'S NO FUNDING. WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG? THE

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1 GENTLEMAN JUST ASKED ABOUT A LITANY OF PROBLEMS WITH THIS PARK
2 ARE AND YET YOU'RE GETTING \$80 A MONTH PER HOUSE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE'S SPEAKING TO HIS SUPERVISOR. SO
5 NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARNOLD, I'VE
10 BEEN CALLING YOU UP, SO TIME'S EXPIRED. LET'S MOVE ON. GO
11 AHEAD, SIR. SIR?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE GIVING HIM ONE MINUTE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE TRYING THE ABIDE BY A TIME
16 LIMIT. BUT I REALIZE THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TRAVELED VERY
17 FAR. AND WE ARE TRYING TO BE ACCOMMODATING. NOT THE ONES THAT
18 COME ALL THE TIME. [LAUGHTER.] GO AHEAD, SIR. GO AHEAD, SIR.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **RANDY HUGHES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RANDY HUGHES. I'M PRESIDENT
22 AND FOUNDER OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. WE
23 REPRESENT 32 STREETS THAT SURROUND THAT PARK. NOW, AGAIN,
24 EVERYONE THAT'S COME UP TO SPEAK AGAINST THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER
25 HAVE BEEN CITIZENS OF THAT AREA AND ALL THAT HAVE WANTED IT

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1 THERE DO NOT LIVE THERE. COMPTON HAVE AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER.
2 LET THEM EXTEND THAT INSTEAD OF COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY. I
3 BELIEVE THAT YOU GUYS RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION WHERE PEOPLE
4 SIGNED LIKE A PETITION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, ALMOST 600
5 FAMILIES SAID THEY DON'T WANT THIS. WE STAND UP. THIS IS NOT
6 THE AREA. YES, WE NEED HORSES. GO TO KENNETH HAHN PARK OR LA
7 BREA. THEY'RE SET UP FOR THAT. BUT THIS COMMUNITY ON ALL FOUR
8 SIDES, NORTH, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST IT'S SURROUNDED BY HOMES.
9 AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT HOMES A LITTLE WAYS AWAY FROM THE
10 COMMUNITY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT AT OUR PARK. WE DO NOT
11 NEED THIS. SUPERVISOR THOMAS. I ASK YOU, YOU AND I HAVE WORKED
12 TOGETHER ON A LOT OF THINGS, AND I ASK YOU TO TAKE THE
13 CONSIDERATION OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, NOT
14 THOSE WHO COME OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY AND DESTROY IT. THANK
15 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, MA'AM? GO AHEAD.

18

19 **STEPHANIE ABRONSON:** MY NAME'S STEPHANIE ABRONSON AND I AM HERE
20 TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MAGIC JOHNSON'S MASTER PLAN FOR THE
21 PARK. BUT ESPECIALLY TO INCLUDE THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

22 [APPLAUSE.] THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS A BEST MANAGEMENT

23 PRACTICES IN FORCE NOW. THAT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

24 REQUIRES ALL HORSE OFFEL, O-F-F-E-L, TO BE REMOVED FROM EVERY

25 CORRAL, STALL OR ANY PLACE IN THE ARENAS AND WHATNOT FOR

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1 REMOVAL OF WASTE MATTERS TO REDUCE ANY FLY POPULATION OR ANY
2 OTHER INSECT POPULATION IN A HORSE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. PLEASE
3 DO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU ARE MAKING YOUR
4 DECISION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. SIR?

7

8 **LOUIS EMIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LOUIS EMIL: I AM A
9 SCUBA INSTRUCTOR AND A SWIM INSTRUCTOR. MARK, I'VE LIFEGUARDED
10 FOR YOUR CHILDREN AT ONE TIME, DOWNTOWN ONCE. THERE'S AREAS IN
11 LOS ANGELES SUCH AS MALIBU, ROLLING HILLS, PALISADES THAT HAVE
12 HORSES AND YOU DON'T HAVE A SMELL. IT HASN'T HURT THE PROPERTY
13 VALUE ONE BIT. WHAT THE HORSE STABLES BRINGS TO THE COMMUNITY
14 IS AN AREA UNDER WHICH IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ANY CHILDREN TO GET
15 INVOLVED WITH THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY-- THEY JUST DON'T HAVE THE
16 MONEY. I HAVE A 12-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER THAT'S BEEN RIDING NOW
17 FOR ABOUT SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS. SHE GETS ON TOP OF THAT HORSE
18 AND THE CONFIDENCE LEVEL THAT SHE HAS IS OF NO OTHER. SHE'S
19 LEARNING TO DO-- TO TAKE CARE OF THE HORSE, TO CLEAN FOR THE
20 HORSE AND MAINTAIN THE HORSE RIGHT UP UNTIL WHAT WOULD BE
21 CONSIDERED FREE VETERINARIAN. AND THIS IS A BENEFIT FOR THE
22 COMMUNITY THAT WILL GIVE A LOT TO THE COMMUNITY, MORE THAN
23 WHAT CAN BE SAID BY ME HERE AND BY THE PEOPLE SPEAKING. AND IT
24 WON'T TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE TALKING
25 ABOUT THE PROPERTY VALUES OR THE SMELL OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

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1 I'VE BEEN IN STABLES THAT HAVE BEEN THIS SIZE WITH 100 HORSES
2 AND YOU DID NOT SMELL ONE BIT OF POOP. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
3 AN INDOOR FACILITY. SO THE OUTDOOR FACILITY, IT'S NOT GOING TO
4 HAVE THE STENCH AND THE SMELL. MY DAUGHTER THIS PAST WEEKEND
5 CLEANED 60 STABLES HERSELF LEARNING THE VALUE OF HARD WORK.
6 AND THAT I CAN'T TEACH HER. BUT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SHE COULD
7 LEARN THAT. SO I HOPE WE GO FORWARD.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING DOWN.
10 [APPLAUSE.] JUSTIN TURMAN. SUSAN CARR? MARGO LADREW. PAULA
11 PARISI. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

12

13 **PAULA PARISI:** HI, MY NAME IS PAULA PARISI. I WANT TO THANK THE
14 SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING THE VISION TO TAKE THE PARK TO THE
15 STATE THAT IT'S CURRENTLY IN AND TO ADVOCATE STRONGLY FOR THE
16 INCLUSION OF AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER. I'M THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF
17 THE "EQUESTRIAN NEWS." AS YOU MIGHT GUESS, I SPEND MOST OF MY
18 TIME IN MORE AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES THAN
19 WILLOWBROOK. BUT EIGHT YEARS AGO, HAVING BECOME ACQUAINTED
20 WITH THE COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE, I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY SPENT A LOT
21 OF TIME DOWN IN THAT AREA AND REALLY COME TO APPRECIATE WHAT
22 HORSES HAVE BROUGHT TO THAT COMMUNITY. IN TERMS OF THE KIDS,
23 YOU SAW A LOT OF KIDS TESTIFYING THIS MORNING IN FAVOR OF THE
24 EQUESTRIAN CENTER, NONE TESTIFYING AGAINST BECAUSE THEY HAVE A
25 MORE OPEN MIND ABOUT IT. AND AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER

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1 MENTIONED, AREAS SUCH AS HIDDEN HILLS, BRENTWOOD, SHADOW HILLS
2 HAVE MILLION DOLLARS HOMES, MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS HOMES. SOME
3 OF THEM HAVE HORSES IN THEIR BACKYARD. AND IT HAS NOT HURT
4 PROPERTY VALUES. IT HAS NOT IMPACTED NEGATIVELY IN ANY WAY. IF
5 ANYTHING, IT'S ONLY ENHANCED IT.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT WITNESS?

8

9 **MARGO LADREW:** MY NAME IS MARGO LEE LADREW. I AM ONE OF THE CO-
10 FOUNDERS FOR THE AMERICAN SOUL RODEO. I'M ALSO THE PRODUCER OF
11 THE BILL PICKET RODEO THAT TRAVELS TO 5 CITIES AND BEEN IN LOS
12 ANGELES FOR 32 YEARS DOING RODEOS. MOST OF THE COWBOYS, BROWN
13 AND BLACK COWBOYS, CAME FROM SOUTH- CENTRAL L.A. AND HAD THERE
14 NOT BEEN HORSES AND STABLES IN THAT AREA, WE WOULD NOT HAVE
15 THEM COMPETING NATIONALLY TODAY. I DON'T LIVE AT ATHENS, BUT I
16 DO KNOW AS IT RELATES TO SOMETIMES THINGS ARE BIGGER THAN A
17 FEW PEOPLE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE KIDS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
18 HISTORY BEING MADE. THIS WILL BE THE STATE OF ART THAT WILL BE
19 THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE UNITED STATES HAVING A MINORITY
20 PERSON'S NAME ON IT AND BEING ABLE TO BE IN AN INNER CITY THAT
21 HAS THE SAME THINGS THAT OTHER PEOPLE. THIS COULD BE A PLACE
22 WHERE PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WILL WANT TO COME BECAUSE
23 THERE WILL BE NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT. AND THE CITY CAN ACTUALLY
24 INCORPORATE SOME PLAQUES TO TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY THAT CAME
25 FROM SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., THE COWBOYS, THE HISTORY OF THE WEST,

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1 BECAUSE THIS IS CALIFORNIA, SO IT IS ABOUT COWBOYS AND
2 INDIANS. AND YOU ALSO COULD ADD SOMETHING TO THE COMMUNITY
3 CENTER TO MAKE IT WHERE IT'S A VISITORS' PLACE, WHERE PEOPLE
4 CAN COME, BUY THINGS AND DO IT TO HELP SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.
5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT?

8

9 **SUSAN CARR:** HI MY NAME IS SUSAN CARR AND I TOOK TIME OFF WORK
10 TODAY BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I AM IN
11 FULL SUPPORT OF THE PLANS AS PROPOSED, INCLUDING THE
12 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. I AM THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE
13 EQUESTRIAN TRAILS INC. CORRAL 36 WHICH IS CALABASAS, AGOURA,
14 HIDDEN HILLS, MALIBU. I AM ALSO THE FOUNDER AND CURRENT
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NONPROFIT SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH
16 SPECIAL NEEDS AS WELL AS AT RISK TEENS USING EQUINE ASSISTED
17 ACTIVITIES, BOTH GROUNDED AND MOUNTED THERAPEUTIC RIDING
18 PROGRAMS. I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS EQUESTRIAN CENTER
19 BECAUSE I SEE EVERY SINGLE DAY THE BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH
20 HORSES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH, FOR AT-RISK TEENS, FOR THEIR
21 FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITY, FOR ALL OF US. THE BENEFITS ARE
22 PRICELESS. WE ALL NEED LESS SCREEN TIME AND MORE REAL
23 CONNECTIONS. IT'S CRITICAL. HORSES DO THAT. THEY BUILD
24 CONFIDENCE, EMPOWERMENT, SOCIAL SKILLS HEALTHY LIFESTYLE,
25 COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, COMMUNICATION SKILLS,

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1 PROBLEM SOLVING, JOB SKILLS. LET'S PRESERVE THE HERITAGE AND
2 ALL THAT WE CAN BENEFIT FROM HORSES.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR, NEXT?

5

6 **JUSTIN TURMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JUSTIN TURMAN. I'M
7 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF NINE WINDS RANCH AND CAMP GIDDY UP. I'M
8 ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE INNER CITY, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS
9 ANGELES, BORN AND RAISED. THIS IS ABOUT THE YOUTH. YOU MUST
10 KNOW THAT. AND THE FIRST THING I NOTICED IS THE PEOPLE THAT
11 ARE AGAINST THE EQUESTRIAN HORSEBACK RIDING ARE ALL ELDERLY
12 PEOPLE. NO DISRESPECT. BUT ME BEING FROM THE INNER CITY, THERE
13 WERE VERY FEW OUTLETS THAT ARE POSITIVE. WE HAVE KIDS THAT CAN
14 LOAD A GUN AT THE AGE OF SIX AND DON'T EVEN KNOW THE HISTORY
15 OF BLACK AND BROWN COWBOYS. WE'RE LIVING IN AN ENVIRONMENT
16 WHERE WE GLORIFY GANG BANGING AND DOPE DEALING. AND WE THINK
17 THAT'S THE WAY OF LIFE. BUT IT'S NOT. I WAS FORTUNATE TO BE ON
18 A HORSE BEFORE I KNEW HOW TO WALK. HORSES WAS MY OUTLET. AND I
19 WANT KIDS TO BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE WHAT I EXPERIENCED EVERY
20 TIME I GET ON A HORSE. AND THAT'S FREEDOM. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT WITNESS? VIVIAN PRICE?
23 REGINALD DORSEY. KESHIA SEXTON. AND SHELIAH WARD. GO AHEAD,
24 SIR.

25

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1 **REGINALD DORSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M ACTOR,
2 FILMMAKER AND COWBOY REGINALD T. DORSEY. ONE OF THE THINGS
3 THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS IF WE ARE TRULY ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF
4 SAVING LIVES, THERE'S NO GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO THAN
5 HAVING THESE CHILDREN-- AND ADULTS-- EXPOSED TO WHAT IT IS TO
6 BE AROUND HORSES. I'M TALKING ABOUT CONFIDENCE. I'M TALKING
7 ABOUT TRUST. I'M TALKING ABOUT LOVE. THAT'S WHAT WE CAN ALL
8 GAIN FROM HAVING THESE CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY EXPOSED TO
9 HORSES IN THIS FACILITY. YOU WANT TO SEE BRIDGES BURNED DOWN
10 AND BRIDGES CROSSED? LOOK AT THE L.A.P.D. WHEN THEY'RE ON
11 HORSEBACK. LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP THAT PEOPLE HAVE WHEN THEY
12 SEE THE MOUNTED. THEY STOP. THEY WANT TO TALK TO THEM. THAT'S
13 HOW YOU BUILD BRIDGES. THAT'S HOW YOU BUILD LINES OF
14 COMMUNICATION. AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT WITH
15 ALL PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

18

19 **KESHIA SEXTON:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KESHIA SEXTON.
20 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING AT L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND
21 TRUST. THE LAND TRUST WORKS EXCLUSIVELY IN LOW-INCOME
22 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TO GROW HEALTHIER, SAFER AND STRONGER
23 COMMUNITIES BY CREATING SMALL ACCESSIBLE URBAN PARKS THAT HELP
24 REMEDY THE CRITICAL LACK OF GREEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACES IN
25 LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE WORKED WITH WILLOWBROOK RESIDENTS AND THE

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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ENGAGE AND INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE
2 COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND THE PARK COUNTY NEEDS
3 ASSESSMENT. WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL MAGIC
4 JOHNSON PARK MASTER PLAN. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE A PLAN THAT
5 REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY INPUT FOR THE PARK. AND WE BELIEVE THAT
6 THE VARIOUS NEW AMENITIES PROPOSED IN THIS PLAN WILL HELP TO
7 IMPROVE THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE EAGER
8 TO SEE A PLAN IMPLEMENTED, SPECIFICALLY THE FIRST PHASE. WE
9 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE OVERALL ADOPTION OF THE MAGIC JOHNSON
10 PARK MASTER PLAN. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP MELISSA ROTH
13 AND GARRET DAVIS. AND VIVIAN PRICE. MISS WARD.

14
15 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'D
16 LIKE TO APPLAUD EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE TODAY. IT'S
17 INTERESTING THAT THE WE CAN SIT HERE AND TALK ABOUT DIALOG
18 ABOUT THIS COUNTRY AND HOW IT WAS ESTABLISHED. IT WAS
19 ESTABLISHED ON HORSES. CRISPUS ATTUCKS STOOD IN THE STORE AND
20 FROZE WHILE WASHINGTON CROSSED THE DELAWARE. AND THAT'S THE
21 REASON THIS COUNTRY IS NOT BOWING DOWN TO THE QUEEN TODAY. NOW
22 AS IT OCCURS TO MAGIC JOHNSON, I WILL HAVE THAT MAN. HE CAME
23 AND HELPED US WITH MANY THINGS WE'VE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY AND
24 MOTHER ALICE AND GLYNN TURMAN, AND EVERYBODY, WITH KWANZAA,
25 THE [INAUDIBLE] ART FESTIVAL, AND EVERYTHING. BUT WHEN IT

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1 COMES DOWN TO PUTTING AN AQUARIAN UNIT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY
2 WHERE WE HAVE HIGHLAND PARK, WE HAVE GRIFFITH PARK. I AM AN
3 ORGANIZER. MY PEOPLE DON'T LEAVE THE CITY. THEY DON'T LEAVE
4 AND GO ANYWHERE. THERE AREN'T ANYMORE TRIPS TO GO SOMEWHERE.
5 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOTTO MONIES AND ALL THESE THINGS FOR OUR
6 PEOPLE? JUST BUILD AN EQUESTRIAN UNIT IN GRIFFITH PARK OR IN
7 HIGHLAND PARK WHERE EVERYBODY CAN ENJOY IT AND OUR PEOPLE CAN
8 COME AND ENJOY IT BY GETTING ON A BUS OR A TRAIN OR A CAR TO
9 GET THERE IMMEDIATELY. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

12

13 **GARRET DAVIS:** HI, MY NAME IS GARRET DAVIS. THE FIRST THING I'D
14 LIKE TO SAY IS, OUR COMMUNITY, THERE'S A BIGGER THING AT STAKE
15 THAN JUST ONE COMMUNITY. WE'RE ALL ONE COMMUNITY. AND IF YOU
16 TRAVEL TO THE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE EQUESTRIAN CENTERS, MOST
17 OF THE PLACES THAT HAVE EQUESTRIAN CENTERS ARE UPWARDLY MOBILE
18 COMMUNITIES. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATE OF THE STREETS, YOU
19 WON'T SEE FLIES AND MANURE AND THINGS LIKE THAT IN THE
20 COMMUNITY. YOU WILL SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE THRIVING THERE. THEY
21 HAVE A MYRIAD OF THINGS THAT THEY CAN GO TO SEE. AND I THINK
22 ADDING THIS TO THE PARK WOULD GIVE OUR CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY
23 TO SEE THINGS THEY HAVE NOT SEEN. I'VE BEEN A WRANGLER FOR TWO
24 GROWING SITUATIONS WHERE KIDS HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THE
25 CITY. THEY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THINGS THEY'VE NEVER SEEN

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1 BEFORE. AND IF YOU COME TO ANY OF OUR RODEOS, WHAT YOU WILL
2 SEE IS KIDS WHO ARE FASCINATED BY SEEING PEOPLE OF COLOR ON
3 HORSEBACK. SOMETHING THEY NEVER GET A CHANCE TO SEE. NOT IN
4 THE MOVIES. NOT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. OR ANYWHERE ELSE. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. I'LL CALL UP OUR LAST
8 TWO WITNESSES, VIVIAN PRICE AGAIN AND MELISSA ROTH. IF THEY'RE
9 HERE. IF NOT, THEN--

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE ONE MORE WITNESS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE THEY APPROACHING? OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM. MA'AM?

18

19 **TOSHIKO WALLACE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOSHIKO WALLACE. I
20 REPRESENT LOVE LAND, THE CENTER FOR LIFE. I DO LIVE IN THE
21 COMMUNITY. I'VE BEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY MY ENTIRE LIFE. I'M 51
22 YEARS OLD. A LOT OF THINGS THAT-- ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THAT
23 REASONS THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE CENTER IS GOING TO MAKE US
24 PROSPER IS BECAUSE IT'S FOR THE KIDS. THE SENIORS ARE SAYING
25 THAT THEY NEED A POOL. THE POOL, FOR MY EXPERIENCE, WHEN YOU

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1 HAVE POOLS, THEY BRING GANG MEMBERS. THE GANG MEMBERS DON'T
2 HANG AROUND THE EQUESTRIAN CENTERS TO HANG OUT AND DO THINGS.
3 THE SENIORS DON'T EVEN GO OUTSIDE. NO DISRESPECT. BUT THE
4 SENIORS NEED TO BE THERE TO INTERMINGLE WITH THE CHILDREN
5 BECAUSE IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD. IF WE DON'T HAVE
6 THE VILLAGE AND EVERYBODY WORKING TOGETHER, AGAIN I AM A
7 PRODUCT OF THAT COMMUNITY. I'M THERE EVERY DAY. PEOPLE THAT
8 HAVE SAID THEY'VE BEEN IN THE PARK. WHEN I GO THROUGH THE PARK
9 ON MY HORSE, I'M ON MY HORSE EVERY DAY, I SEE PEOPLE AND THEY
10 EMBRACE US ON THE HORSES. THE REASON THAT WE ARE HERE, WE'RE
11 NOT STRANGERS TO HARD WORK. WE CLEAN UP AFTER OURSELVES. AND
12 ONE OF THE REASONS I BELIEVE THAT BRINGING THE EQUESTRIAN
13 CENTERS, IS PEOPLE WITH HORSES TEND TO HAVE MONEY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR?

16

17 **RONALD JENNINGS:** MY NAME IS RONALD JENNINGS. I'M BORN AND
18 RAISED IN L.A. I GREW UP NOT TOO FAR FROM MAGIC JOHNSON PARK.
19 AS A KID, I USED TO RIDE MY HORSE TO THAT PARK AND WALK KIDS
20 AROUND. AND YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE EXCITEMENT THAT YOU GET
21 FROM KIDS. BEING A COWBOY IS A LIFESTYLE. IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.
22 SO FOR ME, YES I'M VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. AND FOR ME, IT'S
23 A TRADE. IT'S A SKILL. IT OPENED UP A LOT OF DOORS FOR ME AND
24 MY KIDS. I HAVE A LOT OF KIDS. ANYBODY THAT KNOWS ME, I LOVE
25 THE KIDS. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS. AND YET AS FAR AS EVEN WITH

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1 THE ELDERLY, BLENDING IN THE ELDERLY WITH THIS, GIVING THEM
2 SOMETHING TO DO TO GET OUT, TO SEE SOMETHING DIFFERENT, TO SEE
3 THEIR GRANDKIDS COME UP WITH THIS OR THEIR KIDS. SOME OF THESE
4 PEOPLE THAT'S OLDER TOWARDS THE CENTER, I PROBABLY RODE THEIR
5 KIDS AROUND, WALKED THEM AROUND THE PARK OR SOMETHING LIKE
6 THAT AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. SO JUST PUTTING THE EQUESTRIAN
7 CENTER IN THE CITY IS TOTALLY NEEDED. IT'S TOTALLY HELPFUL FOR
8 THE KIDS, BY FAR. THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR EVEN ALLOWING US TO
9 COME IN AND TALK ABOUT THIS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHO IS THE YOUNG LADY?

12

13 **RONALD JENNINGS:** TELL THEM YOUR NAME.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DOES SHE RIDE?

16

17 **RONALD JENNINGS:** THIS IS MY DAUGHTER LUNDY AND YES SHE DOES
18 RIDE. I HAVE A TOTAL OF SIX KIDS. THEY ALL RIDE IN THE RODEO.
19 AS FAR AS RIDING SHEEP, RIDING STEERS, ROPING. SO THIS IS A
20 WAY OF LIFE. AND IT GAVE ME AN OUTLET AS FAR AS WITH BEING
21 AROUND HORSE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, GUYS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN, LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COME TO
3 EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. RESPECTIVE OF YOUR SUPPORT
4 FOR THE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF THE PARK, YOUR DESIRES TO HAVE A
5 PREFERRED SEQUENCE, IT IS CLEAR TO ME FROM THE TESTIMONY THAT
6 EVERYONE WISHES TO SEE PROGRESS. THE STATE OF AFFAIRS AT MAGIC
7 JOHNSON PARK AT THIS POINT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO NOT ONE SINGLE
8 PERSON THAT I HEARD SPEAK. THEREFORE, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.
9 AND WE WILL MOVE FORWARD. AND IT'S NOT A MATTER OF AN AQUATIC
10 CENTER VERSUS AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER. IT IS ESSENTIALLY A MATTER
11 OF HOW AND WHAT ORDER IN WHICH WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THE THINGS
12 THAT NEED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. I DELINEATED EARLIER WHAT WOULD
13 BE IN PHASE 1. NOW, THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US IS TO ALLOCATE THE
14 RESOURCES TO GET STARTED. BUT GET STARTED WE WILL. I WISH TO
15 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR,
16 LET ME READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT WE "ADOPT THE
17 EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON MASTER PLAN AND THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
18 IMPACT REPORT WHICH IS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. SECONDLY WE
19 APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO TRANSFER \$2 MILLION
20 FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT UTILITY USER TAX FUNDING AND THE
21 PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES BUDGET TO THE PROJECT AND
22 FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT FUND. THREE, WE AUTHORIZE CHIEF
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FUNDING
24 AGREEMENT TOTALING \$2 MILLION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
25 COMMISSION FOR PRE-DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING INITIATION

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1 OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION
2 SERVICES AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED COSTS AND DIRECT THE ACTING
3 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO FIRST
4 THE COORDINATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE C.D.C. OR
5 HIS DESIGNEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT; SECONDLY, MAKE
6 THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE SHORT-TERM ENHANCEMENTS BY JULY 1 OF
7 2016 WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SAID PARK AND RECREATIONS
8 OPERATING BUDGET. THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE SERVICING OF PARKING
9 LOTS, REPLACING AND REPAIRING THE PICNIC TABLES, PICNIC
10 SHELTERS. PAINT THE RESTROOMS, REPLACE THE SINKS, COMMODOES AND
11 RESTROOM PARTITIONS AND ENHANCE THE LANDSCAPING. BEYOND THAT,
12 DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS PLAN TO ENSURE ADEQUATE LONG-TERM
13 MAINTENANCE FOR ALL PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PARK. THEN TO
14 CONTINUE TO COORDINATE AND OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PHASES OF THE PROJECT. AND, FINALLY,
16 THEN, TO COORDINATE AND COOPERATE WITH GOOD FAITH WITH THE
17 UJIMA HOUSING CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE POTENTIAL
18 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS SYNERGISTIC WITH THIS
19 PLAN. MADAME CHAIR, I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS
20 THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
21 COMMISSION, FIRST AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS
22 DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND INCORPORATE THE \$2 MILLION FROM THE
23 COUNTY TO THE COMMISSION'S FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 APPROVED
24 BUDGET. AND TO ACCEPT AND INCORPORATE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS
25 ALLOCATED BY THE COUNTY FOR THIS PROJECT INTO THE COMMISSION'S

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1 FUTURE YEAR APPROVED BUDGETS AS NEEDED. AND, FINALLY, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE
3 ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER OF THESE
4 FUNDS." MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I SO MOVE.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AS AMENDED.
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT I GREW UP ON 85TH,
10 MANCHESTER AND CENTRAL. NEXT DOOR TO MY NEIGHBOR WAS THE
11 KASPARIAN FAMILY WHO HAD A HORSE. AND HORSES ON 85TH AND
12 CENTRAL AT THAT LOT. SO AS A LITTLE BOY, I WOULD ALWAYS BE
13 PULLED UP ON THE HORSE WITH GEORGE KASPARIAN'S HORSE AND RIDE.
14 THAT'S HOW I FIRST GOT MY FIRST LOVE OF HORSES. AND WE HAVE
15 JUST A FEW MILES FROM HERE LA CA ADA, ALTADENA EQUESTRIAN. WE
16 HAVE THE HORSES GOING THROUGH MULTI, MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS
17 HOMES AND LOWER INCOME HOMES. IT'S PART OF THE COMMUNITY. AND
18 WE HAVE EQUESTRIAN RIDE THAT I SPONSORED TWICE A YEAR WITH THE
19 PARKS AND RECREATION. I ENCOURAGE MANY OF YOU TO RIDE. SOME
20 MAY HAVE ALREADY RIDDEN WITH US. WE DO IT IN THE SPRING AND
21 THE FALL. BUT WITH HORSES AND CAROUSEL, TO PROGRAMS THAT HELP
22 CHILDREN WHO ARE DISABLED, WHO ARE DISABLED TO BE ABLE TO RIDE
23 A HORSE AND THAT THERAPY HAS HELPED THEM OVERCOME A LOT OF
24 THEIR HANDICAPS AND ALSO GIVE THEM THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEY
25 WOULD NOT HAVE OTHERWISE HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY. IN FACT

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1 PRESIDENT REAGAN GAVE AHEAD WITH HORSES A HILLSDALE HORSE TO
2 BE USED FOR THE CHILDREN. SO THERE'S A GREAT CORRELATION
3 BETWEEN THE YOUTH BUT ALSO ON OUR TRAIL RIDES, WE ALSO HAVE
4 SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE RIDING, 80 AND 90 YEARS OLD WHO ARE
5 RIDING. SO IT'S FOR ALL AGES AND IT'S JUST ANOTHER
6 RECREATIONAL USE THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES AND BE
7 EXPOSED TO AND HELPING THESE YOUNG CHILDREN GROW UP. WE HEARD
8 SOME REALLY POWERFUL TESTIMONY ON HOW THAT LITTLE EVENT IN A
9 YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE TURNED INTO A CAREER OPPORTUNITY THAT
10 OPENED THE WORLD TO THEM TO THESE OPPORTUNITIES. SO THE PARKS
11 AND RECREATION ARE FOR ALL TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, BUT THE
12 EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN HELPING
13 YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD HAVE A VERY VIABLE RECREATION THAT BUILDS
14 STRONGER COMMUNITIES. SO THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AT
17 THIS TIME. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVED AS AMENDED THE
18 REPORT. AND THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED AND WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MARK
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL. [APPLAUSE] THANK ALL
21 THE AUDIENCE ON BOTH SIDES FOR COMING OUT AND FOR GIVING US
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ALL OF YOUR VIEWS. OUR NEXT ITEM UP,
23 MEMBERS, IS ITEM NO. 6 AND THAT IS REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE
24 PERMIT.

25

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 6 THIS
2 IS THE HEARING ON APPEALS OF PROJECT NUMBER R--

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE HAVE SOME ORDER? TAKE YOUR
5 CONVERSATIONS TO THE SIDE AND WHISPER. WHISPER LIKE HORSES.
6 WHISPER.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS
9 IS A HEARING ON APPEALS OF PROJECT NUMBER R2013-026333 LOCATED
10 AT 1558 WILL GEER ROAD ON THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH
11 AREA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A CONTINUED
12 OPERATION OF A DOG BOARDING AND TRAINING FACILITY, APPLIED FOR
13 BY RANDALL NEECE AND JOE TIMKO. APPEALS FROM REGIONAL PLANNING
14 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. THERE IS A
15 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. CORRESPONDENCE WAS
16 RECEIVED. AND WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP
17 TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

18

19 **TRAVIS SEAWARDS:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
20 MY NAME IS TRAVIS SEAWARDS AND I WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROJECT IS A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL
22 USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A DOG BOARDING
23 AND TRAINING FACILITY IN THE TOPANGA AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA
24 MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA. THE ORIGINAL C.U.P. WHICH WAS APPROVED
25 IN 2002 LIMITED THE NUMBER OF DOGS THAT COULD BE HOUSED AT THE

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1 FACILITY TO 30. THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A NEW C.U.P. WITH
2 AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF DOGS FROM 30 TO 100. ON
3 MAY 13TH, 2015, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE
4 PROJECT BUT WITH THE 30-DOG MAXIMUM WITH AN ALLOWANCE OF UP TO
5 45 DOGS DURING SPECIFIC HOLIDAYS AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND
6 PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.
7 THE APPLICANT HAS APPEALED THE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING
8 THE NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED AT THE FACILITY AS WELL AS
9 APPEALING CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. SEVEN NON APPLICANTS
10 WHO ARE NEIGHBORS OF THE FACILITY HAVE ALSO APPEALED THE
11 DECISION STATING THAT THE FACILITY IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE
12 AREA DUE TO NOISE, TRAFFIC AND OTHER CONCERNS. THIS CONCLUDES
13 MY PRESENTATION.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'LL RESERVE MY
18 REMARKS UNTIL AFTER TESTIMONY, IF THAT'S OKAY. BECAUSE I'M
19 SURE WE'LL HEAR A LOT BACK AND FORTH AND THEN SEE WHAT WE CAN
20 RESOLVE. HORSES AND DOGS, HUH? IT'S A GOOD DAY.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH
23 RANDALL NEECE AND JOE TIMKO.

24

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1 **RANDALL NEECE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'D LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY
2 REQUEST--

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

5

6 **RANDALL NEECE:** IT'S RANDY NIECE. WE'D LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY
7 REQUEST THAT MAYBE WE COULD HAVE THE ROOM? WE SAT HERE QUIETLY
8 THROUGH THEIR HEARING.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU'RE ACTUALLY ADDRESSING THE BOARD AND
11 THE BOARD CAN HEAR YOU.

12

13 **RANDALL NEECE:** AS LONG AS YOU CAN HEAR US. I DIDN'T WANT THE
14 DISTRACTION. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RANDY NEECE. AND THIS
15 IS MY PARTNER JOE TIMKO AND WE OWN CANYON VIEW RANCH FOR DOGS.
16 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY ADDRESS YOU TODAY. THERE ARE A
17 LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF CANYON VIEW
18 RANCH AND WE THANK ALL OF THEM FOR COMING OUT AND TAKING OFF
19 WORK AND CARED ENOUGH TO SHOW UP AND EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS,
20 AND FOR WRITING ALL THESE LETTERS OF SUPPORT. IT'S A LOT TO
21 ASK PEOPLE TO COME DOWN AND GET INVOLVED AND TAKE OFF WORK. SO
22 WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THEM TO COME DOWN HERE TODAY.
23 THANK YOU, YOU GUYS. DOGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR PASSION. SO 17
24 YEARS-- [GAVEL.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HAVE FOLKS QUIET DOWN A BIT SO WE CAN
2 HEAR. GO AHEAD, SIR.

3

4 **RANDALL NEECE:** DOGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR PASSION. AND 17 YEARS
5 AGO JOE AND I CAME UP WITH AN IDEA TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE
6 PEOPLE COULD BRING THEIR DOGS FOR TRAINING AND BOARDING AND
7 NOT FEEL GUILTY ABOUT PUTTING THEM IN A KENNEL THAT KIND OF
8 RESEMBLED A PRISON. WE BOUGHT A HOME ON A FIVE-ACRE RANCH IN
9 TOPANGA THAT WAS ZONED FOR 40 HORSES AND WE TRANSFORMED IT
10 INTO A PEACEFUL OASIS WHERE DOGS COULD PLAY OUTDOORS DURING
11 THE DAY WHILE BEING SUPERVISED BY PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS AND
12 ATTENDANTS. FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING THIS
13 IMPORTANT SERVICE TO TOPANGA AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
14 OUR VERY HIGHEST PRIORITY IS FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE
15 DOGS AS WELL AS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 HEALTH CAREFULLY MONITORS US AND HAS DETERMINED THAT OUR
17 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS MEET OR EXCEED ALL OF THEIR
18 STANDARDS. IN FACT, OUR FORMER COUNTY HEALTH INSPECTOR IS HERE
19 TODAY AND HE CAN GIVE YOU SOME DETAILS ABOUT OUR CLEANING
20 PROCEDURES AND THE BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS THAT WE USE. WE'RE
21 COMPLIANT WITH ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND WE'RE WORKING WITH
22 BUILDING AND SAFETY TO COMPLETE A FEW ITEMS RECENTLY BROUGHT
23 TO OUR ATTENTION BUT WE NEED THE C.U.P. RENEWAL BEFORE WE CAN
24 FINALIZE THEM. ALL LIGHTING IS COMPLIANT WITH COUNTY
25 ORDINANCES AND OUR EXISTING SIGNAGE IS COMPLIANT WITH TITLE

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1 22. THE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OUT 14 TIMES FOR
2 INSPECTION SINCE JUNE AND THEY'VE ALL GONE VERY WELL. AT OUR
3 FIRST HEARING IN 2002, AN ARBITRARY NUMBER OF 30 DOGS BECAME
4 THE PERMIT CONDITION. WHEN ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ISSUED
5 THEIR LICENSE TO US, IT WAS FOR BOARDING AND CARING FOR UP TO
6 100 DOGS. NOW, THEY AREN'T THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OVER
7 ZONING, WE REALIZE THAT, BUT THEY ARE THE EXPERTS IN
8 DETERMINING THE CAPACITY AND NEEDS OF DOGS. AND WE BELIEVE
9 THEIR ASSESSMENT OF HOW MANY DOGS WE CAN SAFELY ACCOMMODATE IS
10 IMPORTANT. THIS TYPE OF BOARDING HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.
11 AND EARLY ON IT BECAME APPARENT TO US THAT THE NUMBER OF
12 EMPLOYEES WE NEEDED TO RUN THE RANCH SAFELY IS NOT DETERMINED
13 BY HOW MANY DOGS WE HAVE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. IN FACT, OUR
14 CURRENT STAFF SIZE OF 14 EMPLOYEES HAS REMAINED GENERALLY THE
15 SAME OVER THE YEARS. HOWEVER, SINCE 2002 WHEN WE STARTED, OUR
16 PAYROLL EXPENSES HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED. WE WERE CONCERNED, TO
17 KEEP UP WITH RISING WAGES AND BENEFITS AND THE DEMAND FOR
18 SERVICES, WE OCCASIONALLY EXCEEDED OUR PERMIT LIMIT. WE WERE
19 CONCERNED, SO WE SENT OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH CODE
20 ENFORCEMENT MANY TIMES TO KEEP THEM INFORMED ABOUT THIS. THE
21 RANCH WAS NEVER ISSUED ANY VIOLATION OR WARNING. THERE WAS NOT
22 A SINGLE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT FILED DURING THE PERMIT TERM.
23 AND NO ONE AT COUNTY EXPRESSED ANY NEED FOR US TO APPLY FOR A
24 REVISED PERMIT. IF THEY HAD, WE WOULD HAVE APPLIED FOR ONE
25 BEFORE OURS CAME UP FOR RENEWAL. EVERY ONE OF THE COUNTY

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1 DEPARTMENTS THAT'S REVIEWED OUR CASE HAS RECOMMENDED THE
2 RENEWAL FOR UP TO 100 DOGS. THE FOOTPRINT OF THE RANCH REMAINS
3 THE SAME. AND MOST OF OUR CLIENTS USE OUR SHUTTLE SERVICES AND
4 HAVE NO NEED TO EVEN DRIVE UP TO THE RANCH. WE DO THE DRIVING
5 FOR THEM, REDUCING CLIENT TRIPS BY ABOUT 70 PERCENT. IF WE'RE
6 GOING TO KEEP OUR 14 DEDICATED PEOPLE EMPLOYED AND OUR HOME-
7 BASED BUSINESS STABLE, WE CAN'T BE LOCKED INTO AN ARBITRARY
8 LIMIT ONE DECADE AFTER ANOTHER. YOU ASKED US FOR AN INCREASE
9 IN THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$14 AN HOUR AND WE STARTED THAT SEVERAL
10 YEARS AGO. YOU ASKED BUSINESS OWNERS TO CREATE MORE JOBS AND
11 WE'VE DONE THAT. NOW WE'RE ASKING YOU TO INCREASE OUR LIMIT TO
12 UP TO 60 DOGS SO WE HAVE THE INCOME TO PAY THEM. LESS THAN
13 THAT, AND WE JUST CAN'T SURVIVE. WE THINK CREATING INNOVATIVE
14 IDEAS AND BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY SHOULD
15 BE ENCOURAGED BY THE COUNTY. WE PROVIDE A NEEDED SERVICE,
16 CREATE JOBS AND WE PAY OUR EMPLOYEES DECENT WAGES AND
17 BENEFITS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF PROVIDING A
18 SPECIAL PLACE FOR DOGS TO STAY AND PEACE OF MIND FOR THE
19 PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JAKE
22 STEHELIN AND CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN. AND ALSO FRANCES ROBERTS
23 STEHELIN. I HOPE I SAID THAT RIGHT. GO AHEAD AND STATE YOUR
24 NAME FOR THE RECORD, SIR.

25

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1 **JAKE STEHELIN:** JAKE STEHELIN. I LIVE NEXT TO THE KENNEL ON
2 WILL GEER ROAD. LIVED IN TOPANGA SINCE I WAS BORN. THERE ARE
3 HUNDREDS OF CORRESPONDENTS IN THE RECORD FOR THE KENNEL AND
4 HUNDREDS AGAINST THE KENNEL. LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THOSE IN
5 SUPPORT WERE FROM TOPANGA. AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE KENNEL LIVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO SMELL IT
7 OR HEAR THE DOGS. BY CONTRAST, ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF THOSE
8 AGAINST THE KENNEL ARE FROM TOPANGA. WITH SO FEW OF THE
9 SUPPORTERS AND SO FEW OF THE KENNEL CUSTOMERS FROM TOPANGA,
10 THIS IS NOT PRIMARILY A LOCAL-SERVING BUSINESS. THE
11 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION OF THE KENNEL FROM COMPLYING WITH THE
12 C.E.Q.A. SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. THE 2002 C.U.P. TERMINATED IN
13 NOVEMBER OF 2012. THE RIGHTS GRANTED WERE TERMINATED AND THE
14 KENNEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED. THE KENNEL OPERATED ILLEGALLY
15 AFTER THAT DATE. THIS C.U.P. APPLICATION SHOULD BE TREATED AS
16 A NEW PROJECT WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR A NEW C.U.P. INCLUDING
17 C.E.Q.A. SHOULD BE MET. STAFF HAS STATED THE PROJECT IS
18 CONSISTENT WITH DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE A2 ZONE. THAT
19 MAY BE THE CASE BUT THE SPOT ZONING DID NOT BELONG HERE IN THE
20 FIRST PLACE. AN ISLAND OF A2 ZONING IN A SEA OF A1 ZONING IS
21 JUST BAD PLANNING. FINALLY, THE KENNEL OWNERS AND THEIR
22 ATTORNEYS HAVE MADE VERY MISLEADING STATEMENTS TO THIS BOARD
23 AND TO THE COMMUNITY. SOME HAVE EVEN CALLED THEM LIES. I HOPE
24 THAT YOU HAVE CAREFULLY LOOKED AT THE RECORD BOTH FOR AND

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1 AGAINST AND THAT YOU WILL WEED OUT THE MISINFORMATION AND RULE
2 ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6 **CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN:** I'M CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN. I'M A
7 VOLUNTEER WITH THE TOPANGA COALITION FOR EMERGENCY
8 PREPAREDNESS. I'VE BEEN WITH ARSON WATCH FOR OVER 25 YEARS,
9 AND I'M AN ARSON WATCH BASE STATION. I LIVE NEXT DOOR TO
10 CANYON VIEW RANCH. THE FIRST RULE OF GRANTING A C.U.P. IS IT
11 CANNOT HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE NEIGHBORS OR THE
12 NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS KENNEL HAS BEEN DEVASTATING FOR OUR
13 NEIGHBORHOOD AND WHY NO IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE ON WILL
14 GEER ROAD HERE SUPPORT THIS. THEY USE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF
15 WATER. UP TO 20 LOADS OF LAUNDRY A DAY. WE ARE IN A DROUGHT.
16 WE ARE ALL ON WELLS AND THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. THE WATER
17 TABLE IS DROPPING AND I HAD TO PUT IN A NEW WELL LAST YEAR.
18 THEY WERE DUMPING 6 GALLONS OF BLEACH A WEEK FOR YEARS INTO
19 THE AQUIFER DEVASTATING OUR WATERSHED AND THEY ONLY STOPPED
20 WHEN THEY GOT CAUGHT. WATER RUNOFF LOADS THROUGH MY PROPERTY.
21 I GOT CANCER EIGHT YEARS AGO. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS RELATED
22 BUT I WANT A WATER OR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY DONE IF THIS C.U.P.
23 IS GRANTED. THE TRAFFIC IS A NIGHTMARE. CARS, VANS, STAFF,
24 CUSTOMERS AND DELIVERIES CONSTANTLY TO THE KENNEL IN AN
25 EMERGENCY WITH PEOPLE GOING FOR THEIR DOGS. THIS WILL BE A

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1 NIGHTMARE. EVEN IF THERE'S A PLAN IN PLACE, PEOPLE DON'T
2 ALWAYS DO WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. THE OWNERS HAVE
3 VIOLATED THE C.U.P. FROM THE BEGINNING HAVING UP TO 175 DOGS.
4 WE CANNOT TRUST THEM TO FOLLOW THE RULES. JOE TIMKO TOLD ME
5 PERSONALLY, 175 DOGS ONE TIME. DOGS ARE ABUSED THERE. I HEARD
6 THEM SCREAMING IN PAIN WHEN I WALK BY. MANY GET SICK. SEVERAL
7 HAVE DIED. EMPLOYEES--

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE PLEASE HAVE ORDER BACK IN THE
10 AUDIENCE. HOLD ON A MINUTE. I JUST WANT THE ALERT THE AUDIENCE
11 PLEASE IF YOU CAN HOLD BACK YOUR RESPONSES. IN YOU ARE IN
12 SUPPORT, RAISE YOUR HAND, LIFT THE ROOF. IF NOT, WE'D
13 APPRECIATE SOME DECORUM. THANK YOU. CONTINUE MA'AM.

14

15 **CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN:** THANK YOU. EMPLOYEES, DOGS, DOG OWNERS
16 AND NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY THE OWNERS. I HAVE BEEN
17 YELLED AND SCREAMED AT BY RANDY NEECE ON MANY DIFFERENT
18 OCCASIONS. THIS IS A HUGE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE THAT JUST
19 MAKES THEM MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. IMAGINE LIVING NEXT TO THIS,
20 IF THIS WAS YOU. MY PROPERTY VALUES HAVE BEEN LOWERED. SHEILA
21 KUEHL, LOVE YOU. YOU HAVE HOSTED A PARTY THERE. SO I THINK
22 IT'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR YOU. PLEASE RESTORE THE PEACE
23 AND QUIET OF OUR BEAUTIFUL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND DENY
24 THIS C.U.P. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **FRANCES ROBERTS STEHELIN:** MY NAME IS FRAN ROBERTS-STEHELIN I
4 WOULD ACTUALLY LIKE TO HAVE MY FULL MINUTE TO SPEAK IF YOU
5 WILL, PLEASE. I LIVE NEXT DOOR TO THE DOG KENNEL IN QUESTION.
6 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS SIMPLY PUT TWO SIDES
7 OF THE LAW. WITH YOU, SUPERVISORS, THE GUARDIANS OF THE LAW.
8 ON ONE SIDE OF THE LAW WE HAVE THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS AND
9 PEOPLE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE LAW AND WILL SEE IT THROUGH TO
10 THE FINISH. ON THE OTHER SIDE WE HAVE A LARGE COMMERCIAL
11 ENTERPRISE DROPPED INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD WHOSE MOTIVE IS
12 PROFITS, THAT CONTINUALLY SEEKS TO AVERT AND SUBVERT THE LAW.
13 THIS HAS BEEN FILED INTO EVIDENCE AS PER THEIR OWN STATEMENTS
14 AS TO THE NUMBER OF DOGS BOARDING. WE ARE NOT EXAGGERATING
15 WHEN WE SAY THEY HAVE UP TO 150 DOGS A DAY FOR 15 YEARS. AND
16 WE'RE REWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING BY NON
17 ENFORCEMENT. NO ENFORCEMENTS. THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW SURPRISE
18 VISITS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED FOR CONTINUALLY VIOLATING
19 THE TERMS OF THE C.U.P. FOR 15 YEARS. AND ARE SHOWING AND HAVE
20 SHOWN BY THE LAST 2015 HEARING IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, REGIONAL
21 PLANNING DEPARTMENT TOLD THEM TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINAL 30-DOG
22 LIMIT AND THEY SAID THROUGH THEIR LAWYERS, "NO WE'RE GOING TO
23 HAVE 60 DOGS," AND THEY DID. THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO ADHERE
24 TO TERMS OF ANY C.U.P. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT

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1 YOU SAY. AND THEY'RE GOING TO DO EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO.

2 PLEASE DENY THIS C.U.P.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO CALL

5 UP OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE FOR ONE MINUTE EACH. ARNIE

6 FIELDING. ARNOLD SACHS. DOROTHY REIK. SUSAN COHEN. KERRY

7 GOGAN. AND JUST REMEMBER TO STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AS

8 YOU COME UP AND TRY TO ADHERE TO THE TIME. WE APPRECIATE IT.

9 THANK YOU SO MUCH. GO AHEAD, SIR.

10

11 **ARNIE FIELDING:** MY NAME IS ARNIE FIELDING. I AM RETIRED HEALTH

12 DEPARTMENT FOR 25 YEARS. I WORKED IN THE TOPANGA AREA. I WAS

13 THE ONE WHO DID THE ORIGINAL APPROVAL FOR THE PRIVATE SEWAGE

14 DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND WELLS FOR JOE AND RANDY ON HIS RANCH. I

15 JUST WANT-- I KNOW THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF MISCONSTRUED

16 INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT DISINFECTION AND

17 SANITIZING OF CHLORINE AND CHLORINE GETTING INTO THE GROUND

18 WATER. WHAT IS HAPPENING WHEN THE DOGS ARE LET OUT FOR THEIR

19 KENNELS IN THE MORNING TO GO TO THE BATHROOM, IT'S REQUIRED

20 THAT THEY HAVE TO GO IN A CONCRETE-ENCLOSED AREA WHERE THEY

21 URINATE, GO TO THE BATHROOM. THE DOG FECES IS PICKED UP, THE

22 UREA IS THEN WASHED DOWN TO A BASIN, A CATCH BASIN, WHICH IS

23 THEN PUMPED TO A SEPTIC TANK AND OUT TO A LEACH FIELD. THIS IS

24 HOW PEOPLE DISPOSE OF WASTE WATER IN THE RURAL AREAS FOR OVER

25 100 YEARS. AFTER THAT HAPPENS, AND IT'S CLEANED UP, A

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1 SANITIZER, OR DISINFECTANT IS USED, WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN USING
2 CHLORINE FOR A LOT OF YEARS. AND THE ISSUE THERE IS THAT
3 YOU'RE TRYING TO SANITIZE THE AREA BEFORE THE WATER EVAPORATES
4 AND IT'S ABOUT 10 MINUTES. SO THERE REALLY IS NO-- 99 PERCENT
5 EVAPORATION. YOU HAVE LITTLE IF NO CHLORINE ACTUALLY EVER
6 GOING INTO THE SURROUNDING SEPTIC TANK OR INTO THE LEACH
7 FIELD. THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FROM THE LEACH FIELD TO THE
8 SURROUNDING WELLS IS 100 FEET. THERE'S OVER 1,000 FEET. AND
9 IT'S JUST INCONCEIVABLE THAT THAT COULD ACTUALLY GET TO THE
10 SURROUNDING PROPERTIES.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT
13 WITNESS. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

14

15 **KERRY GOGAN:** OKAY. OH I'M SORRY. HI, MY NAME IS KERRY GOGAN
16 AND I'M OVER-- I WAS OVER A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF TOPANGA. I NOW
17 LIVE IN VENTURA. AND TOOK THE TRAIN ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE
18 TODAY TO SHOW MY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR JOE AND RANDY. I WAS
19 ONE OF THEY ARE FIRST FIVE CLIENTS WITH MY DOGS DON JUAN WHO
20 WENT ON TO LIVE A WONDERFUL LIFE. I'M NOW ON ROUND TWO WITH
21 D'ARTAGNAN AND LULU, BOTH OF WHOM STAY UP THERE FOR MONTHS AT
22 A TIME. EVERY TIME I GO THERE, IT'S CLEAN. PEOPLE ARE NICE.
23 THERE'S NO SMELL. I'M A HORSE OWNER. I KNOW WHAT IT SMELLS
24 LIKE WHEN PLACES ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF. THE TRAFFIC IS REALLY--
25 - YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED A BUNCH OF PEOPLE BEING REALLY RUDE TO

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1 YOU TODAY AND NOW PEOPLE LYING TO YOU AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO
2 THAT. I'M JUST GOING TO TELL YOU IT'S A GREAT PLACE, GREAT
3 PEOPLE AND THEY DESERVE TO HAVE A FAIR SHAKE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

6

7 **DOROTHY REIK:** MY NAME IS DOROTHY REIK. I MOVED INTO TOPANGA IN
8 1971, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY I REALIZED THAT TOPANGA IS DOG
9 COUNTRY. IT'S DOG HEAVEN. I DIDN'T REALIZE I WOULD BE
10 TESTIFYING SO EARLY, BUT I WILL JUST SAY WHAT I WAS GOING TO
11 SAY, WHICH IS, AS WE REALIZE THAT CHILDREN, ALL THESE GROUPS,
12 ALL THESE ORGANIZERS TAKE CHILDREN UP TO THE COUNTRY AND GIVE
13 THEM THAT EXPERIENCE. I WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE DOGS AND THE
14 DOGS WHO LIVE IN THE CITY ALSO DESERVE THIS EXPERIENCE OF
15 COMING UP THE CANYON VIEW WHERE IT'S CLEAN AND IT SMELLS
16 BEAUTIFUL. I'VE BEEN UP THERE SO MANY TIMES. I ASKED THE FIRST
17 TIME I CAME UP THERE, WHY AREN'T THERE ANY DOGS BARKING HERE?
18 I DON'T HEAR ANY DOGS. THEY SAID BECAUSE THE DOGS ARE HAPPY.
19 THEY DON'T BARK. THEY DON'T EVER BARK HERE. AND I'VE BEEN UP
20 THERE FIVE OR SIX TIMES. I NEVER HEARD A PEEP UP THERE. I WAS
21 SHOCKED. AND I SAY THE DOGS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE CANYON VIEW
22 AND THEY NEED CANYON VIEW.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, MA'AM?

25

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1 **SUSAN COHEN:** MY NAME SUSAN COHEN. AND UP UNTIL 10 DAYS AGO, I
2 WAS AN OWNER AT 1750 WILL GEER ROAD. JUST ONE HOUSE IN BETWEEN
3 MY HOUSE AND THE DOG RANCH AND THE HOUSE IS JAKE'S HOUSE. AND
4 MY BEDROOM HAS A DIRECT LINE, HAD A DIRECT LINE OF VIEW TO THE
5 DOG RANCH. AND IN THE 20 YEARS WE LIVED THERE, THERE WAS
6 ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM WITH THE DOG RANCH. IF I EVER HEARD THE
7 DOGS, IT WAS BECAUSE THE COYOTES WERE TEASING THEM AND THAT'S
8 JUST TOPANGA. AND THE ONLY TROUBLE THAT I EVER HAD WITH
9 TRAFFIC WAS WHEN, YOU KNOW, TRUCKS AND THINGS THAT ARE
10 BUILDING WHERE JAKE IS. I HAVE NOT IN 20 YEARS OF LIVING
11 THERE, 20 YEARS OF DRIVING, FIRST MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND
12 THEN MYSELF PLACES, I NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH TRAFFIC,
13 NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH THE DOGS. NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEM
14 WITH RANDY AND JOE. AND POSSIBLY THE REASON YOU HEARD MAYBE
15 FEWER THINGS IS THAT THOSE OF US IN SUPPORT OF RANDY AND JOE
16 JUST WEREN'T AS ORGANIZED AS THOSE RABID PEOPLE OPPOSED.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO CALL UP SOME
19 OTHER WITNESSES. CHRIS MASSA. JAY WOLPERT. EDWARD ROBERTSON.
20 AND ALSO ROSLYN WOLPERT.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. LAND USE, NOT MY HORSE
23 RACE BUT I DID HEAR SOMEBODY TALK ABOUT INSPECTION BY THE
24 AGENCY OR NOT INSPECTION. WHICH IS PROBABLY THE GOOD REASON I
25 SHOW UP EVERY WEEK. I HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THE BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE THE EXCEPTIONS THAT THE BOARD THROWS
2 AROUND ARE LIKE HORSE MANURE. YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS ON THE
3 INSPECTIONS THAT THE AGENCIES WERE SUPPOSED TO MAKE. COULD YOU
4 PRODUCE THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT THE AGENCIES INSPECTED THESE
5 FACILITIES LIKE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO? THAT WOULD SATISFY
6 WHETHER THE AGENCIES ACTUALLY WENT OUT THERE. YOU KNOW, THE
7 EXCEPTIONS YOU MAKE THAT END UP COSTING PEOPLE MONEY I THINK
8 ABOUT PORTER RANCH THAT NOBODY, NOBODY ON THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS OR ANY OFFICE IN GOVERNMENT KNEW THAT IT WAS THE
10 LARGEST GAS FACILITY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. 4,000 ACRES? 20
11 MILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS. AND HOMES ON TOP OF IT. HOW DO YOU
12 LIKE THAT? HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? WOOF WOOF.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **EDWARD ROBERTSON:** OKAY. ON A SERIOUS NOTE, MY NAME IS EDWARD
17 ROBERTSON. A COUPLE OF DOGS THAT HAPPENED TO BE OURS. THIS
18 WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO THANK JOE TIMKO
19 PERSONALLY AND PUBLICLY FOR TEACHING MY DOGS THE QUIET
20 COMMAND. IN THE 13 YEARS I'VE BEEN GOING TO CANYON RANCH, I
21 HAVE NEVER HEARD A DOG BARK. I HAVE NEVER HEARD A BAD SMELL.
22 THE WHOLE PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL. WE LOVE IT. YES, I AM A TOPANGA
23 RESIDENT. PROUD OF THAT. AND FOR GOODNESS SALES. WE HAVE TO
24 ALLOW THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS. IT'S
25 NOT JUST WHO THEY ARE IN A DOG RANCH. I HAVE A SON WHO'S

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1 SPECIAL FORCES ARMY. HE BROUGHT HOME A DOG FROM AFGHANISTAN
2 THAT WAS REALLY VERY UNADJUSTED TO THE PUBLIC. HE COULDN'T GET
3 ALONG WITH OTHER DOGS. IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME, JOE AND RANDY
4 SAVED THIS DOG. HE IS NOW A MASCOT FOR THE NEW YORK YANKEES.
5 AND SO WE ARE DOG PEOPLE. WE ARE TOPANGA PEOPLE. AND WE
6 STRONGLY SUPPORT WHAT THEY DO.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **CHRIS MASSA:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS MASSA. I'VE KNOWN JOE AND
11 RANDY FOR 10 YEARS. I'VE BEEN TAKING MY DOGS THERE FOR ABOUT
12 10 YEARS NOW. THEY'VE TRAINED THEM. MY HUSBAND IS IN THE
13 ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS, AS A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE IN THIS TOWN,
14 AND THAT FORCES US TO TRAVEL QUITE A BIT AND BE GONE FOR
15 SOMETIMES MONTHS AT A TIME. AND I NEED A PLACE I CAN TRUST
16 WITH MY BABIES. THESE ARE MY KIDS. THAT THEY HAVE AN EASY
17 TRANSITION GOING FROM HOME TO A BOARDING FACILITY. THIS IS
18 MORE THAN A BOARDING FACILITY. THIS IS A SECOND HOME FOR THEM.
19 I KNOW THAT THEY'RE CARED FOR. I KNOW THAT THEY'RE LOVED. ONE
20 OF MY DOGS IS A SENIOR. HE HAS SPECIAL NEEDS. HE'S ON MEDS. I
21 KNOW THAT HIS MEDICINE'S GOING TO BE GIVEN TO HIM ON TIME.
22 IT'S A VERY RESPONSIBLE PLACE. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. IT'S A
23 QUIET PLACE. I'VE ALSO DONE SOME WORK FOR JOE AND RANDY AND
24 I'VE WORKED THERE FOR HOURS ON END DURING THE DAY AND I'VE
25 WITNESSED THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITY THAT GOES ON. IT'S QUIET.

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1 IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE. AND I WOULDN'T TAKE MY DOGS ANYWHERE
2 ELSE AND I ASK YOU TO LET THEM PLEASE CONTINUE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM, STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6 **ROSLYN WOLPERT:** HI, MY NAME IS ROS WOLPERT, AND I HAVE BEEN
7 HONORED TO KNOW JOE AND RANDY FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. THE LAST 17
8 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THEM AND WATCHING THEM BUILD THIS
9 ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLY BEAUTIFUL PLACE. I WISH ALL OF YOU
10 COULD GO SEE THIS, AND MAYBE SOME OF YOU HAVE. IT IS AN
11 ABSOLUTE HAVEN AND A HEAVEN. AND I WAS THERE WHEN MISS
12 MCCLENAHAN'S CHILDREN USED TO COME OVER EVERY DAY TO SEE UNCLE
13 JOE AND UNCLE RANDY AND PLAY WITH THE DOGS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
14 HAPPENED THERE. BUT IN ANY CASE, THIS IS A PLACE THAT YOU
15 DRIVE UP THE DRIVEWAY, A STONE WALL, HAS A BEAUTIFUL STATUE OF
16 A BRONZE DOG. AND FROM THERE EVERYTHING FLOWS. OH, WE'RE GOING
17 TO HAVE LITTLE DOGS. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THE LITTLE DOGS. WE
18 BETTER HAVE AN AREA BUILT JUST FOR THE LITTLE DOGS. WATER
19 FALLS. TUNNELS TO GO THROUGH. THE BIG DOG YARD HAS A SWIMMING
20 POOL THE SHAPE OF A DOG BONE THAT CAN BE EMPTIED AND THE WATER
21 RECYCLED TO WATER THE GRASS. ONE OF THE TINY THINGS THAT TELL
22 YOU HOW THEY DO THIS PLACE. IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY PLACE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR
25 THE RECORD?

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1

2 **JAY WOLPERT:** SORRY?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

5

6 **JAY WOLPERT:** JAY WOLPERT. WHEN I WAS A KID GROWING UP IN NEW
7 YORK, THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS-- SURE, WHEN I WAS A KID
8 GROWING UP IN NEW YORK THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I WANTED TO
9 BE. FROM ROBIN HOOD TO MARLON BRANDO. BUT TO BE FRANK, I NEVER
10 HAD ALL THAT INTEREST IN BEING A DOG, UNTIL I SAW CANYON VIEW
11 RANCH FOR DOGS. NOW, IN THE INTEREST OF FULL DISCLOSURE,
12 CANYON VIEW IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY TWO OF MY CLOSEST
13 FRIENDS. SO YOU MAY VERY WELL THINK, AHA. NO WONDER YOU ARE
14 HERE TALKING IN THEIR BEHALF. BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT
15 BEFORE THEY BECAME TWO OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS, AND WHEN I SAY
16 OUR, I MEAN, ROS, WHO YOU JUST HEARD FROM-- BEFORE THAT, WHAT
17 WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THEM WAS THAT THEY WERE THE MOST KIND,
18 CARING, HARDEST WORKING, DEAREST PEOPLE WE KNEW AND STILL
19 KNOW. AND THAT'S WHY THEY BECAME TWO OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS.
20 THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT TO TELL YOU. I WANT TO PUT RIGHT
21 AN UNTRUTH THAT I EXPRESSED A MOMENT AGO, BETTER DO IT FAST.
22 RANDY AND JOE DON'T MERELY OWN AND OPERATE CANYON VIEW RANCH.
23 THERE ARE A MILLION PLACES IN THE PET BOARDING BUSINESS THAT
24 ARE MERELY OWNED AND OPERATED. WHAT HAPPENED WAS FIRST THEY
25 ENVISIONED THAT BOARDING RANCH AND ALL THAT IT COULD BE. AND

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1 THEN THEY DEvised HOW THEY WOULD MAKE IT WORK PRACTICALLY AND
2 YET STILL KEEP THAT VISION INTACT AND NOW HAVING MANAGED THAT
3 THEY SUPERVISE THAT WONDERFUL-- AND I'M SAYING GOODBYE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MARLON BRANDO, HUH? ALL
6 RIGHT. OUR NEXT WITNESSES THAT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ARE LEORA
7 GLASS. JUSTIN WAY. JOHN MACNEIL AND GENA HABA. GO AHEAD, SIR.
8 STATE YOUR NAME.

9

10 **JUSTIN WAY:** MY NAME IS JUSTIN WAY. GOOD AFTERNOON ALL OF YOU.
11 I'M AN EMPLOYEE AT CANYON VIEW RANCH. STARTED WORKING THERE
12 LAST JUNE. BEFORE THAT, I WORKED WITH DOGS FOR ABOUT FOUR
13 YEARS. I WORKED AT OTHER FACILITIES. I STARTED AT A RESCUE IN
14 SUN VALLEY. SO I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF HOW A KENNEL
15 SHOULD BE RUN. AND CANYON VIEW IS DEFINITELY THE TOP IN
16 CLEANLINESS, IN AESTHETICS, IN STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND IN
17 SAFETY FOR THE DOGS. THE KENNELS I WORKED AT BEFORE, WHEN YOU
18 WOULD WALK IN, THE SMELL WOULD JUST HIT YOU. SO I UNDERSTAND.
19 AT CANYON VIEW, THERE IS NO SMELL. YOU SMELL THE HORSES OF THE
20 NEIGHBORS BEFORE YOU SMELL ANY WASTE FROM THE DOGS. LIKE I
21 SAID, I AM AN EMPLOYEE THERE. AND SO I HAVE A VESTED INTEREST
22 IN THE PLACE REMAINING OPEN AND DOING BUSINESS BECAUSE IT IS
23 MY LIVELIHOOD. SO I'M IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING THE PERMIT.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MA'AM?

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1

2 **GENA HABA:** I'M GENA HABA. MY EXPERIENCE WITH CANYON VIEW RANCH
3 STARTED ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO WHERE THEY PROVIDED BOARDING FOR MY
4 DOGS. FORTUNATELY, THEY ALSO PROVIDE A SHUTTLE THAT PICKS UP
5 AND DROPS OFF, SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE FACILITY AT ALL.
6 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK THAT S IMPORTANT FOR THE
7 ENVIRONMENT AND THE NEIGHBORS. THE OTHER THING IS I'VE HAD
8 SEVERAL PETS TRAINED THERE SINCE THEN. AND THE TRAINING
9 PROTOCOL AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF THEIR TRAINING WOULD NEVER
10 ALLOW FOR EXCESS PARKING AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY NEVER ALLOW
11 FOR ABUSE ON AN ANIMAL. SO I THINK THOSE ARE THE TWO MAIN
12 THINGS THAT I WANTED TO BRING UP. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT
13 TO TELL YOU THAT THE TRAINING THEY PROVIDE GOES WAY FURTHER
14 THAN TOPANGA CANYON. I KNOW THAT MAY OR MAY NOT MATTER TO YOU
15 TODAY, BUT I HAD AN AGGRESSIVE CHIHUAHUA THAT THEY ACTUALLY
16 HELPED ME TRAIN. AND THAT TRAINING HAS ALLOWED ME TO GO INTO
17 THE VETERINARY FIELD WHERE I WORK AND WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT
18 ADOPT THESE DOGS OUT OF THE SHELTERS THAT ARE AGGRESSIVE,
19 MAYBE MORE FEAR AGGRESSIVE THAN TRUE AGGRESSION, BUT THAT
20 TRAINING THEY PROVIDE, THEY NEVER TURN THEIR BACK ON ANYBODY.
21 THEY CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE FROM THE DAY THEY GO IN
22 THERE TO THE DAY THE DOG DIES.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

25

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1 **GENA HABA:** SO IT IS A GOOD ADVANTAGE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AS
2 WELL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, STATE YOUR NAME, FOR THE RECORD?
5 SIR?

6

7 **JOHN MACNEIL:** MY NAME IS JOHN MACNEIL AND I THANK YOU FOR
8 GIVING ME SOME TIME TO VIEW MY OPINION OF THE DOG RANCH.
9 CANYON VIEW RANCH HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO US, OUR DOG
10 AND OUR FAMILY. THE RANCH HAS PROVIDED A SAFE HAVEN FOR MY DOG
11 WHEN WE ARE ON VACATION. AT THE RANCH, ONE CAN EASILY SEE WHY
12 MY MAGGIE GETS SO EXCITED THAT WHEN WE TAKE HER TO THE RANCH,
13 SHE JUST CAN'T WAIT TO GET THERE. THERE SHE CAN SOCIALIZE WITH
14 OTHER DOGS, GO SWIMMING IN THE DOGGY POOL. I HAVE BEEN THERE
15 OVER 100 TIMES AND HAVE VISITED ADJACENT PROPERTIES AT LEAST
16 30 TIMES. NEVER HAVE I HEARD BARKING OR SMELLED ANYTHING. THE
17 RANCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN UP IN MAGAZINES AS A TOP TIER COUNTRY
18 CLUB FOR DOGS. THE RANCH IS ALSO A DOG TRAINING SCHOOL. OUR
19 MAGGIE WAS AN ASSERTIVE BITCH BEFORE TRAINING AND WE WERE
20 TAUGHT WHY SHE WAS SO. WE ENDED UP WITH A LADY. THE OWNERS OF
21 CANYON VIEW RANCH HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD
22 AMBIANCE, WITH WATERFALLS, BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING, TRAINED DOG
23 HANDLERS, ALL COMBINING TO CREATE A PEACEFUL SETTING FOR THE
24 RANCH. IN ADDITION, THE OWNERS HAVE MADE GENEROUS

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS TO NONPROFITS IN TOPANGA BOTH MONETARILY AND
2 THEIR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

5

6 **JOHN MACNEIL:** VOLUNTEERING FOR THE TOPANGA COALITION FOR
7 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. WE SAY WITH GOOD REASON, PLEASE
8 APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE C.U.P. IN A MANNER THAT IS
9 FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE SO THAT WE CAN RELY ON THIS SERVICE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.
12 THANK YOU. WE HAVE A LIMIT HERE ON ONE MINUTE. GO AHEAD,
13 MA'AM.

14

15 **LEORA GLASS:** MY NAME IS LEORA GLASS AND I'VE BEEN GOING TO
16 CANYON VIEW RANCH WITH MY DOGS FOR OVER 12 YEARS. I'VE NEVER
17 HAD ANY INCIDENTS WHERE I'VE SMELLED ANY FOUL SMELLS OR HEARD
18 ANY DOGS BARKING. AND JUST DRIVING UP TO THEIR FACILITY IS
19 LIKE GOING TO SHANGRI-LA. I ALWAYS SAY TO MYSELF I WOULD LIKE
20 TO STAY HERE IF I COULD SIT IN A CRATE. OWNERS JOE AND RANDALL
21 AND ALL THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO ATTENTIVE TO ALL
22 THE ANIMALS THAT STAY THERE AND TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN
23 MAINTAINING A BEAUTIFUL FACILITY. I URGE YOU TO RENEW CANYON
24 VIEW'S OPERATING PERMIT INCREASE TO 60 DOGS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO CALL UP SOME
2 OTHER WITNESSES NOW. LEANNE MCDANIEL. JEANNINE SANO,. JAMES
3 MCDANIEL. LAURIE EMBER. SARA RAMO. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE YOUR
4 NAME.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I UNDERSTAND THAT DOGS DON'T VOTE, BUT IF THEY COULD.
7 THEY WOULD VOTE TO KEEP CANYON VIEW THE WAY IT IS. MY DOGS
8 LOVE IT THERE. SOMETIMES SO MUCH THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO COME
9 HOME. WE'VE BEEN BOARDING AND TRAINING OUR GOLD RETRIEVERS
10 WITH JOE AND RANDY SINCE THEY OPENED. THE PROPERTY IS
11 BEAUTIFUL. THE RANCH HAS ALWAYS BEEN A RESPECTFUL NEIGHBOR.
12 THEY CONSTANTLY REMIND EVERYONE WHO COMES TO DRIVE SLOWLY AND
13 QUIETLY. THE DOGS GET TONS OF ATTENTION AND PLAY TIME DURING
14 THE DAY AND THEY ARE QUIET AND SAFE INSIDE IN THEIR CRATES AT
15 NIGHT. THE SHUTTLE IS ESPECIALLY VALUABLE. THEY PICK UP AND
16 DROP OFF DOGS SO THAT CLIENTS DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE UP THE
17 NARROW ROAD. IT'S A CONVENIENCE FOR US BUT IT ALSO CUTS DOWN
18 ON TRAFFIC IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. DOGS BRING US TOGETHER. WE SAW
19 THAT WITH TOM AND JERRY. THEY TIE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER IN
20 THIS SPRAWLING CITY. I KNOW ALL OF MY NEIGHBORS BECAUSE OF OUR
21 DOGS. ALL OF US HERE LIVE, WORK, PAY TAXES AND VOTE IN LOS
22 ANGELES. WE LOVE THIS CITY AND IT'S OUR HOME. BUT SOMETIMES WE
23 NEED TO LEAVE TOWN TO WORK OR FOR FAMILY. AND THOSE TIMES,
24 CANYON VIEW HAS BEEN THERE FOR US, TAKING CARE OF OUR DOGS,
25 MAKING SURE THEY ARE SAFE AND HEALTHY, SO WE CAN LEAVE L.A.

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1 FOR HOWEVER LONG WE NEED TO, KNOWING THE DOGS ARE IN GOOD
2 HANDS UNTIL WE CAN COME HOME TO THEM. SO I URGE YOU TO APPROVE
3 THIS PERMIT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
6 PLEASE?

7

8 **JEANNINE SANO:** MY NAME IS JEANNINE SANO. THANK YOU, MADAME
9 CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 ADDRESS YOU. I ACTUALLY FLEW DOWN SPECIFICALLY FROM SAN
11 FRANCISCO IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TRY TO CONVEY HOW IMPORTANT
12 AND SPECIAL CANYON VIEW RANCH IS. MY RETIRED 80-YEAR-OLD
13 PARENTS LIVE IN PORTER RANCH AND WE HEARD SOME THINGS ABOUT
14 THAT. IT SEEMS TO BE A BIT NOTORIOUS. AND WHEN MY-- NOT TO
15 TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM THEIR GRANDCHILDREN, BUT REALLY THESE
16 ARE THEIR DAILY LOVE AND OBSESSION. AND WHEN I WAS TRYING TO
17 FIND A TEMPORARY APARTMENT FOR THEM TO LIVE IN, NONE OF THE
18 PLACES WOULD TAKE DOGS. SO I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH THAT I GOT
19 TO CANYON VIEW RANCH AND THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE IN THE DOGS
20 AND TAKE CARE OF THEM WHILE MY PARENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO BE
21 THERE DURING THE PORTER RANCH CRISIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SADLY
22 SOME OTHER DOGS HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT
23 ABLE TO DO THAT. WITHOUT A FACILITY LIKE CANYON VIEW RANCH, I
24 DON'T KNOW WHAT MY PARENTS WOULD HAVE DONE. PLEASE RENEW THE
25 LIMIT AND INCREASE THEIR LIMIT TO 60.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE?

3 STATE YOUR NAME?

4

5 **SARA RAMO:** MY NAME IS SARAH RAMO AS A DOG OWNER OF WALLY, I
6 HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED A BETTER PLACE FOR MY DOG
7 TO STAY WHILE I'M TRAVELING FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE. I'VE
8 BEEN BRINGING MY DOGS TO CANYON VIEW FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS OR
9 MORE. NEVER IN MY DOGS OF DROPPING OFF OR PICKING HIM UP FROM
10 THE RANCH HAVE I EVER WITNESSED ANY TRAFFIC OFF TOPANGA
11 BOULEVARD UP TO THE CANYON RANCH LOCATION. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
12 IMMACULATE, NO ODOR WHATSOEVER AND NEVER HAVE I HEARD
13 EXCESSIVE NOISE COMING FROM THE PROPERTY. SINCE THEY BEGAN TO
14 OFFER A PICKUP AND DELIVERY SERVICE, IT HAS BEEN TRULY A LIFE
15 SAVER FOR ME AND MANY OTHER FAMILIES. WITHOUT KNOWING THERE'S
16 A SAFE HAVEN FOR THEM TO PROVIDE FOR WALLY, I WOULD NEVER BE
17 ABLE TO CONDUCT MY BUSINESS AWAY FROM HOME IN THE
18 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, WHICH CAN LAST FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF
19 TIME. HE HAS OTHER DOGS TO BOND WITH, HAS OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
20 OUTSIDE IN THE SUNSHINE. DOGS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE HELD IN A
21 PRISON-LIKE ENVIRONMENT AND CARED FOR AND PROTECTED. TO THINK
22 THESE DEVELOPERS ARE ALLOWED TO TAUNT, PREY, THREATEN, HARASS
23 AND INTIMIDATE CANYON VIEW WHICH THEY HAVE DONE AND BEEN DOING
24 DAY IN AND DAY OUT THE LAST YEAR IS A GRAVE CRIME AND
25 DISSERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. TIME'S EXPIRED.
3 THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

4

5 **LEANNE MCDANIEL:** I'M LEANNE MCDANIEL. THANK YOU. I ACTUALLY
6 DIDN'T PLAN TO SAY TOO MUCH AND I PROBABLY WILL NOT USE MY
7 WHOLE MINUTE. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING ALL THESE PRO PEOPLE
8 HAVE SAID. I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL THING I'D LIKE TO SAY. WHEN I
9 HEARD EARLIER THAT ONLY-- THAT THE PROPERTY WAS ORIGINALLY
10 ZONED FOR 40 HORSES, I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH 60 DOGS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

13

14 **JAMES MCDANIEL:** MY NAME IS JAMES MCDANIEL. YOU'RE GOING TO
15 LOVE ME. I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS REAL QUICK. IN FACT, IF I
16 COULD RELINQUISH ANY TIME TO JAY, I WOULD. I'VE KNOW JOE AND
17 RANDY FOR 35 YEARS. YOU CAN'T FIND NICER HUMAN BEINGS ON THE
18 FACE OF THE EARTH. I'VE WATCHED THEM WITH THE DOGS. IT DOESN'T
19 GET ANY BETTER THAN WHAT THEY DO. THEY RUN AN ORGANIZATION
20 THAT IF IT COMES TO THE POINT WHERE THE CENTER THAT YOU JUST
21 TALKED ABOUT EARLIER TODAY, THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER, THEY ARE
22 LOOKING FOR HOW TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION IN AN AREA AND OTHER
23 PEOPLE AROUND IT , THEY COULDN'T DO ANY BETTER THAN GO OUT AND
24 VISIT THIS PLACE. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP
2 MARKIE POST. VALERIE KIRKGAARD. RAY JACKSON. AND SUSAN
3 NISSMAN. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

4

5 **MARKIE POST:** HI, MY NAME IS MARKIE POST. AND MY HEART IS STILL
6 POUNDING FROM THE TESTIMONY THAT THE THREE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
7 TOPANGA CANYON AND HAVE A VESTED INTEREST AGAINST THIS
8 PROPERTY, SPEAKING. I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE THEY'RE
9 TALKING ABOUT. I'VE KNOWN RANDY AND JOE FOR 30 YEARS. I'VE HAD
10 THREE DOGS GO THROUGH. I SAW THEM BUILD VERY MUCH SO WITH
11 THEIR OWN HANDS THIS PLACE. THEY DIDN'T JUST BRING IN PEOPLE
12 TO DO IT. THEY DID IT THEMSELVES. THEY BUILT A BEAUTIFUL,
13 BEAUTIFUL PLACE. AND THIS IS MY DOG, MY THIRD DOG THERE, WHO
14 WHEN I FIRST FOUND HER IN OUR YARD, SHE WAS THROWN IN THERE.
15 YOU HAD TO USE OVEN MITTS AND A BATH TOWEL TO BE ABLE TO PICK
16 HER UP, SHE WAS SO FERAL AND SO DESPERATELY UNHAPPY AND SCARED
17 OF PEOPLE. AND NOW WHEN I GO AND PICK HER UP OR HEAR REPORTS
18 FROM HOW SHE'S DOING AT CANYON VIEW SHE'S USUALLY SITTING ON
19 THE LAP OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE OFFICE. AND THEY LOVE HER
20 THERE. SHE LOVES IT THERE. AND I LOVE RANDY AND JOE. I THINK
21 THE WORLD OF THEM. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. GO AHEAD,
24 MA'AM.

25

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1 **VALERIE KIRKGAARD:** I'M VAL KIRKGAARD AND THE DOUBLE DITTO TO
2 EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD SO FAR TO THE PEOPLE FOR CANYON RANCH.
3 ACTUALLY MY DOG SARAH HERE, SHE HAD FRIGHTENED DOG SYNDROME.
4 PLUS THE FACT I'M 75 YEARS OLD AND THIS HAPPENS TO BE A BULLET
5 OF ENERGY. SO THE WHOLE CONVERSATION GOT EXTREMELY WILD
6 BECAUSE I COULDN'T HANDLE HER. AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
7 WITH HER AND THE DOG WAS BREAKING MY HEART. ALONG COME JOE AND
8 RANDY AND THE NEXT THING I KNOW IS I GOT A WELL-TRAINED
9 LOVEABLE DOG WHO IS TOO MUCH FOR ME AND I ACTUALLY HAD TO GIVE
10 AWAY WHICH I DIDN'T WANT TO DO AT ALL. I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE
11 ENERGY TO GIVE THIS DOG A GOOD LIFE. BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT JOE
12 AND RANDY AND TYLER DID FOR THIS DOG, I'M TRYING NOT TO CRY,
13 SHE ACTUALLY HAS A GRAND LIFE NOW. SHE'S NO LONGER A
14 FRIGHTENED DOG. SHE WAS DOG OF THE YARD. AND SHE ASKED ME TO
15 ASK YOU GUYS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY ASK IF YOU
16 WOULD CONSIDER, THIRD DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR PAY ATTENTION, TO
17 MAKE JOE AND RANDY AND CANYON VIEW RANCH AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
18 FOR THE DISTRICT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY DESERVE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **RAY JACKSON:** MY NAME IS RAY JACKSON. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'VE
23 USED CANYON VIEW FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS. I'VE KNOW JOE AND RANDY
24 FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS. YOU CAN'T ASK FOR TWO NICER PEOPLE. WHEN I
25 USE THEM. SHEL PICKS UP MY DOG AND BRINGS MY DOGS BACK AND

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1 FORTH TO WHENEVER I'M OUT OF TOWN OR THEY NEED TO BOARD THERE.
2 THE PLACE IS IMMACULATE. IT'S CLEAN. IT DOES NOT SMELL. I WAS
3 JUST THERE IN DECEMBER. YOU JUST CAN'T ASK FOR A NICER PLACE
4 TO BOARD YOUR DOG. SO I'D ASK YOU TO PLEASE GRANT THEM WHAT
5 THEY'RE ASKING FOR, THE 60-DOG PERMIT. THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARTHUR MASON AND SUSAN.
9 YOU'RE HERE NOW.

10

11 **SUSAN NISSMAN:** YES. I'M SUSAN NISSMAN. GOOD MORNING. GOOD
12 AFTERNOON. I'M CEDING MY MINUTE TO MY HUSBAND SO HE HAS TWO
13 MINUTES.. AND WE HAVE SOME LETTERS TO TURN IN HERE. THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, SIR. STATE YOUR
17 NAME.

18

19 **ARTHUR NISSMAN:** GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARTHUR
20 NISSMAN. MY FAMILY AND I ARE 40-YEAR RESIDENTS OF TOPANGA. IN
21 FULL SUPPORT OF CANYON VIEW RANCH AND THE APPLICATION. THE
22 APPLICANTS REQUESTED DOG MAXIMUM AS ALLOWED BY AND RECOMMENDED
23 BY L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. WE MOVED TO TOPANGA
24 WITH FOUR DOGS AND THREE CATS. AND THE NEIGHBOR WELCOMED US.
25 AND THE DOGS WELCOMED US, AS WELL. MAN'S BEST FRIEND HAS

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1 ALWAYS BEEN TOPANGA'S BEST FRIEND. IN FACT, A DOG IS EVEN THE
2 GRAND MARSHAL OF TOPANGA DAYS PARADE IN 2001. UP UNTIL 2002
3 WHEN CANYON VIEW RANCH WAS APPROVED AND CAME INTO OPERATION UP
4 ON THE MESA, LOCAL DOG OWNERS DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE IN TERMS OF
5 BOARDING THEIR DOGS. THE CLOSEST KENNELS WERE 20 PLUS MILES
6 AWAY AND CONSISTED OF ROWS OF WIRED CAGES, NARROW FENCED RUNS
7 OR TWO. 20 YEARS AGO, WE ADOPTED SANDY THE BASSETT FROM THE
8 AGOURA HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER. WHEN SANDY PASSED, WE TURNED TO
9 BASSETT RESCUE TO FIND ANOTHER HOUND THAT NEEDED AND FOUND
10 BRIDGET. THE ONLY-- THE FIRST THING WE DID WAS TAKE HER UP TO
11 CANYON VIEW RANCH TO GET TRAINED. YOU MAY HAVE ALL THE RIGHT
12 INTENTIONS, WITH A RESCUE DOG BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR
13 EXPERIENCE HAS REALLY BEEN. SO FINDING JOE AND RANDY AND
14 GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO KEEP BOTH DOG AND HUMAN ON
15 THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR WAS A BLESSING FOR OUR BRIDGET, FOR OUR
16 FAMILY AND BRIDGET. BRIDGET LOVED GOING UP TO THE RANCH. SHE
17 WOULD RUN AND PLAY AND EXPERIENCED UNLEASHED FREEDOM.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

20

21 **ARTHUR NISSMAN:** ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY, I THANK YOU FOR THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT TODAY. WE VALUE THIS RESOURCE VERY
23 MUCH. AND AGAIN ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT A FULL C.U.P. THAT
24 ALLOWS THIS SERVICE TO REMAIN WHERE IT IS OPERATING WITH THE
25 ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY.
3 I HAVE OTHER WITNESSES. STACY SLEDGE. IRENE CASSIDY. ERIC
4 PREVEN. TYLER WILSON.

5

6 **TYLER WILSON:** HI, MY NAME IS TYLER WILSON, I AM AN EMPLOYEE AT
7 CANYON VIEW RANCH. I'M A TOPANGA LOCAL. AND I ALSO USE THEIR
8 SERVICES WHENEVER I NEED TO LEAVE TOWN FOR MY OWN DOG, WHICH
9 IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT I TRUST WITH MY OWN DOGS. I'VE WORKED
10 AT OTHER BOARDING FACILITIES IN THE PAST, AND I WOULD NEVER
11 LET MY DOGS THERE BECAUSE I SAW SO MANY TIMES OWNERS THAT
12 DIDN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR BUSINESS, THAT LEFT IT ON
13 EMPLOYEES. THESE TWO OWNERS HAVE TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE BETTER AT
14 MY JOB, HOW TO DO THINGS IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE, THAT IS KIND.
15 IT'S AMAZING TO ME THAT THE NEIGHBORS CAN MAKE THE COMPLAINTS
16 THAT THEY DO WHEN EVERY DAY I GIVE TOURS AND THE QUESTION THAT
17 I GET IS WHAT IS ALL THAT NOISE? IT'S NOT DOGS. IT'S NEVER
18 DOGS. IT'S CONSTRUCTION NOISE FROM NEXT DOOR. IT'S COMING FROM
19 THE EXACT PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY MAKING NOISE COMPLAINTS
20 AGAINST US. DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. WE HAVE MORE NOISE FROM
21 OTHER DOGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAN WE DO FROM OUR OWN. I
22 WANTED TO SAY ONE LAST THING, WHICH IS: THIS IS MY LIVELIHOOD.
23 IT'S A PLACE THAT HAS BECOME A HOME AWAY FROM HOME. THEY'VE
24 BECOME FAMILY TO ME. AND I STRONGLY, STRONGLY HOPE THAT YOU
25 ALL WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY HOW MANY PEOPLE CAME OUT TODAY, TOOK

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1 TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO COME AND SEE YOU. I DO
2 HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT US.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **STACY SLEDGE:** HI, MY NAME IS STACY SLEDGE AND I'M A 16-YEAR
7 TOWN COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER NOW SERVING AS PRESIDENT. OUR
8 REQUEST IS THAT YOU CONSIDER A THREE-PAGE LETTER WE ORIGINALLY
9 SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS CLARIFYING SOME OF THE
10 INFORMATION CIRCULATING IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CLARIFICATION
11 INCLUDES COUNCIL INFORMATION ADDRESSING INCOMPLETE OR AT LEAST
12 LIMITED INFORMATION ON THE CONCERNS OF DOG NOISE, EMERGENCY
13 RESPONSE TIMES, THE WATERSHED, SPOT ZONING AND TRAFFIC. WE
14 HAVE ALSO INCLUDED INFORMATION FROM A 2008-2013 HIGHWAY 27
15 TRAFFIC STUDY ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL BY
16 SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY. THE COUNCIL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU
17 FOR ALREADY HAVING A BUILT-IN MECHANISM WHERE RESIDENTS CAN
18 NOTIFY THE COUNTY OF ANY CONCERN THEY MAY HAVE REGARDING ANY
19 BUSINESS OPERATION OR NEIGHBOR DISPUTE. FOR INSTANCE, THE
20 FREEDOM TO REPORT ANIMAL CONCERNS TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR
21 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS TO
22 BUILDING AND SAFETY OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. FROM OUR TOWN
23 COUNCIL RECORDS INCLUDING MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, NO RESIDENT GRIEVANCES ABOUT CANYON VIEW
25 RANCH HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US. WE APPRECIATE YOUR

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1 CONSIDERATION AND FOR WEIGHING ALL THE FACTS THAT AFFECT THE
2 TOPANGA COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **EILEEN CASSIDY:** MY NAME IS EILEEN CASSIDY. AND THIS DOG HERE
7 WOULD NOT BE ALIVE TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR CANYON VIEW RANCH.
8 FOUR YEARS AGO I HAD TO PUT MY 16-YEAR-OLD DOG DOWN. AND I WAS
9 VERY DEPRESSED. AND BESIDES THAT, I HAD JUST HAD HIP SURGERY
10 AND MY MOTHER HAD DIED A MONTH BEFORE. I NEEDED TO ADOPT A DOG
11 RIGHT AWAY. SO I WENT TO A HIGH KILL SHELTER. I GOT THIS DOG.
12 AND SHE WAS IMPOSSIBLE. SHE WAS AS FERAL AS YOU COULD POSSIBLY
13 WANT. I JUST WAS AT MY WIT'S END. MY PARTNER SAID TO ME, LET'S
14 SEND HER UP TO CANYON VIEW. AND 10 DAYS LATER, WE SENT HER UP
15 TO CANYON VIEW, 10 DAYS LATER, I GOT BACK A DOG THAT I COULD
16 PET, THAT I COULD WALK. I WOULD TAKE HER INTO TOWN. AND PEOPLE
17 WOULD BE STUNNED AT THE BEHAVIOR. THE OPPOSING SIDE SHOULD BE
18 MORE INTERESTED IN THE 10,000 SQUARE FOOT ESTATES THAT ARE
19 GOING UP THAT WILL BRING MAJOR AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC UP THAT ROAD
20 WITH THEIR PARTIES AND THEIR MAINTENANCE HELP.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE?

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
25 AND I AM SUPPORTIVE OF INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF THIS

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1 FACILITY FROM 30 TO 60 DOGS. IT IS A VERY GOOD FACILITY. I'M
2 VERY DISAPPOINTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD
3 DISTRICT HAD A CAMPAIGN PARTY THERE IF SHE DID, IF THAT'S
4 TRUE. AND TO HEAR FROM SUSAN NISSMAN AND DOROTHY REIK, WHO
5 WERE SHAMELESSLY TRYING TO LEAVE CANDIDATES OUT OF THE
6 ELECTION IN CAHOOTS WITH KUEHL AND JOE FELDMAN AND OTHERS IS
7 REALLY DISAPPOINTING AND FOR THIS FACILITY WHICH I THINK TAKES
8 CARE OF ANIMALS, SIR, YOU CAN REST ASSURED, I'M ON POINT,
9 THANK YOU, SIR, THIS FACILITY, ALL APPROPRIATE-- SIR, DO NOT
10 INTERRUPT SPEAKERS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE CHAIR HAS A RIGHT TO RAISE THE
17 QUESTION OF GERMANENESS. YOU BEGIN TO ATTACK OTHER PERSONS
18 ABOUT A CAMPAIGN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** SHE SHOULD RECUSE HERSELF, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU SHOULD ALSO REVEAL THAT YOU WERE
23 RUNNING AGAINST ME, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** EXACTLY. BUT NOBODY KNEW THAT BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT
2 THERE WERE FOUR CANDIDATES.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE ITEM
5 BEFORE US ITEM NO. 6, THAT IS MY POINT. THANKS. (MICROPHONE
6 TURNED OFF).

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP, SIR. (OFF MIC. COMMENTS.)

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 30 SECONDS. CLOCK'S TICKING. GO.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS A VERY CREDIBLE, WELL-RUN FACILITY THAT
13 DOES A VERY NICE JOB. THAT SAID, IT DOES CATER TO THE RICH
14 BECAUSE ANYONE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PUT A DOG IN THAT PLACE FOR A
15 MILLION, MONTHS, HOLD ON--

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S KEEP GOING. THE CLOCK'S
18 TICKING.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT HAS TO BE TO PUT A DOG IN A FACILITY LIKE THAT
21 FOR MONTHS IS EXPENSIVE TO BE FAIR. THAT IS NOT A PROBLEM.
22 THAT IS JUST A FACT BUT SHE'S GOING TO BANK GREAT GOODWILL
23 HERE. BUT WHEN THE VINTNERS WERE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU IN
24 TOPANGA, WHAT HAPPENED?

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OTHER WITNESSES. WE HAVE
2 STILL A HEFTY LIST HERE, FOLKS. WE HAVE ANN LOMBARDO. VINCE
3 LOMBARDO. KARI HORMANN. AND MARCIA NANETTI. THANK YOU. GO
4 AHEAD, MA'AM.

5

6 **ANN LOMBARDO:** MY NAME IS ANN LOMBARDO AND I LIVE JUST DOWN THE
7 STREET. AND THEY HAVE BEEN OUR NEIGHBORS FOR MANY YEARS, 12
8 YEARS. AND THEY HAVE AN OUTSTANDING NEIGHBORS. WONDERFUL
9 THINGS ABOUT THESE TWO MEN. MY KIDS AND I HAVE ENJOYED WALKING
10 DOWN TO THEIR FACILITY. MY DOG HAS STAYED AT THE FACILITY. AND
11 THE SMILES ON MY CHILDREN'S FACE WHEN THEY GO TO VISIT THEM
12 AND THEIR ANIMALS IS UNBELIEVABLE. SO I RECOMMEND THAT YOU
13 GRANT THEM 60 DOGS.

14

15 **VINCE LOMBARDO:** VINCE LOMBARDO. I ALSO LIVE AT 21324 HILLSIDE
16 DRIVE, JUST UP THE STREET FROM THE DOG RANCH. AS EVERYBODY
17 SAID HERE, YOU'RE HEARING IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE DON'T
18 HEAR ANY NOISE FROM THE RANCH. WE DON'T HEAR OF ANY PROBLEMS
19 AT THE RANCH. IT IS IMMACULATE. IT IS THE KIND OF PLACE THAT
20 YOU WANT TO GO. THEY HAVE HOSTED PARTIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
21 AND PEOPLE COME TO THEIR HOUSE. THEY OPEN THEIR HOME. IT'S
22 JUST A WONDERFUL PLACE. THEY ARE GREAT STEWARDS OF THE
23 NEIGHBORHOOD. OFTEN DOING THINGS ON THE ROAD, BRUSH CLEARANCE
24 UP THE ROAD THAT'S NOT REQUIRED OF THEM. SO JUST GREAT

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1 NEIGHBORS. NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THEM. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **MARCIA NANETTI:** HI, I'M MARCIA NANETTI. I ASK THAT YOU KEEP
7 CANYON VIEW OPEN FOR THE MANY PEOPLE AND DOGS THAT ARE GOING
8 TO USE IT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. MY DOG APOLLO WAS ABUSED
9 BEFORE I TOOK HIM IN. I COULDN'T TAKE HIM TO THE DOG PARK, I
10 COULDN'T TAKE HIM TO THE PUBLIC PARK, BUT I COULD TAKE HIM TO
11 CANYON VIEW. THEY HELPED US SO MUCH THERE. THEY DIDN'T JUST
12 BOARD HIM BUT THEY TRAINED HIM. THEY SOCIALIZED HIM. HE'S A
13 DOBERMAN. BECAUSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL, APOLLO AND LUCY CAN
14 PLAY WITH MANY DOGS, RUN FREE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME. I HAVE
15 PEACE OF MIND WHEN I LEAVE THEM THERE. I WOULDN'T LEAVE THEM
16 ANYWHERE ELSE. THERE ISN'T ANY FACILITY LIKE THAT WITHIN 150
17 MILES THAT I KNOW OF. AND THEY'RE CLEAN. YOU KNOW THE DOGS
18 WHEN THEY GO TO BED, THEY PLAY CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE ROOM. SO
19 IT'S PEACEFUL. I ASK THAT YOU KEEP THEM OPEN AND INCREASE IT
20 TO 60 DOGS. THEY DON'T CATER TO RICH PEOPLE. I HAVE ABOUT
21 \$40,000 IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT. I DON'T MAKE THAT MUCH. BUT I
22 GET MY DOGS THERE BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD PLACE AND THERE'S
23 NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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1

2 **KARI HORMANN:** HI, MY NAME IS KARI HORMANN. I ACTUALLY WORK
3 THERE AT THE FACILITY. I HAVE BEEN THERE GOING ON FOUR YEARS
4 NOW. AND I'VE SEEN A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERENT CLIENTS,
5 DIFFERENT DOGS, DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES. AND THE ROUTINE, THE
6 DAILY ROUTINE OF THE CLEANLINESS, KEEPING UP WITH THE DOGS,
7 PLAYING WITH THEM, KEEPING THEM HAPPY HAS STAYED THE SAME THE
8 WHOLE TIME I'VE BEEN THERE. I HONESTLY WORK MORE IN THE
9 OFFICE, SO I GET TO HANDLE AND DEAL WITH MORE OF THE CLIENTELE
10 AND THE PEOPLE AND THE DOGS COMING IN THEMSELVES. AND THERE
11 ARE MORE DOGS THAN I CAN EVEN COUNT THAT COME IN HAPPY, READY
12 TO GO BACK, ARE SO GLAD TO BE ABLE TO BE THERE. AND TO BE
13 HONEST WITH YOU, I PERSONALLY HAVE BATTLED WITH MY ANXIETY AND
14 DEPRESSION AND BEING THERE, BEING WITH THE DOGS, SEEING THE
15 FAMILIES THAT COME IN, IT'S A FUN PLACE TO BE THERE. IT MAKES
16 ME WANT TO BE THERE. AND IF IT WASN'T THERE, I WOULD STRUGGLE
17 ALL THE TIME. WE HAVE COUNTLESS DOGS THAT COME IN AND TURN
18 INTO OUR FAMILY AS WELL AS THE OWNERS THEMSELVES.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ELIZABETH BODNAR, MELINDA
21 GLATT. JAMES HUDSON. ARNOLD SACHS.

22

23 **ELIZABETH BODNAR:** HI, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH BODNAR. I AM AN
24 EMPLOYEE IN CANYON VIEW RANCH. I WASN'T PLANNING ON SPEAKING.
25 BUT KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET. I'M THERE FIVE DAYS A WEEK AND I

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1 WITNESS THE CLEANLINESS AND I DO WHAT EVERYBODY DOES AROUND
2 THE RANCH. I OVERSEE EVERYBODY DOING THEIR PART AND KEEPING IT
3 CLEAN. SO I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW OTHER PEOPLE CAN SAY
4 THAT IT'S NOISY OR WHATEVER WHEN WE GET ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT
5 SAY THERE'S NO BARKING. AND IT'S THE CLEANEST PLACE THEY'VE
6 EVER SEEN. I FEEL LIKE WE SAVE DOGS' LIVES BY REHABILITATING
7 THEM. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WON'T TAKE THEM BUT WE TREAT THEM
8 BETTER AND WE REHABILITATE THEM, SAVING THEIR LIVES.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, SIR.

11

12 **JAMES HUDSON:** HI, MY NAME IS JAMES HUDSON. THANK YOU FOR
13 GETTING UP TODAY. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT RENEWING AND UPPING
14 THE DOGS FROM 30 TO 60 AT CANYON VIEW RANCH. SOME OF THE
15 ISSUES RAISED ARE TRAFFIC IN THE TOPANGA CANYON. THERE ARE
16 FIVE ROUTES TO GET FROM THE CITY TO THE VALLEY WHEN MOST
17 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE CITY, MALIBU CANYON TO TOPANGA CANYON AND
18 THE 101. SO IT MAKES FOR ABOUT 25 PERCENT FROM THE CITY TO THE
19 VALLEY. TOPANGA PEOPLE DON'T WANT NEW BUSINESS. THEY DON'T
20 WANT NEW HOMES. YET THERE'S A CONTRACTOR BUILDING 10 NEW HOMES
21 IN THE TOPANGA COMMUNITY THAT HAS COUNTLESS TRUCKS AND
22 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS AND CEMENT TRUCKS AND
23 ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS AND INSPECTORS. THEY MAKE UP MORE
24 TRAFFIC THAN WE DO IN A GIVEN DAY TIMES TEN. I OWN A DOG. I
25 TAKE HER TO BOARDING FACILITIES. NEVER WOULD I DROP HER OFF AT

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1 A PETSMART OR PETCO WHERE DOGS ARE OUT FOR 30 MINUTES A DAY,
2 THAT'S IT. 23-1/2 HOURS A DAY YOU'RE IN A CAGE. OUR DOGS ARE
3 OUT FOR SIX HOURS A DAY AND YOU PROBABLY HEAR FIVE BARKS A DAY
4 AND THAT'S PROBABLY FROM THE NEIGHBORS. WE'RE A VERY CLEAN
5 FACILITY. OUR DOGS GET A LOT OF TIME OUTSIDE. AND A LOT OF
6 TRAINING. IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **MELINDA GLATT:** HI, MY NAME'S MELINDA, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY,
11 JOE AND RANDY DESERVE THE 60-DOG PERMITS. THEY DO EVERYTHING
12 IN THEIR POWER TO KEEP THEIR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS AND THE
13 TOPANGA RESIDENTS HAPPY. I AM IN FAVOR OF THEM AND I HOPE YOU
14 RENEW IT.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE OTHER WITNESSES THAT I
17 WANT TO CALL UP. WENDIE MALICK. BRAD GOODE ELIZABETH NEELY.
18 AMANDA Z. ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. I'M SOMEWHAT STUNNED. I THINK YOU
21 SHOULD TAKE A TIME OUT. YOU CALLED ME TWICE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M SORRY, THEN.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW ABOUT THAT?

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO YOU CALLED ME UP. I'M GOING TO TAKE MY SECOND
5 MINUTE. NO? (BARKING SOUND).

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC, MR. SACHS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC, SIR. THE CLOCK'S
10 TICKING. LET'S GO. PUT THE CLOCK ON. LET'S GO.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WE COME TO THE POINT, A REVIEW OF A PERMIT THAT
13 SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVIEWED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. I HAVE A HORSE IN
14 THIS RACE. I HAVE A HORSE IN THE RACE ABOUT POLICIES THAT THE
15 COUNTY FAILS TO UPHOLD IN THE FIRST PLACE. THAT'S A REAL
16 PROBLEM. AND IT'S REPETITIVE IF IT WASN'T THE EXCEPTION THAT
17 WOULD BE ONE THING. BUT IT'S REPETITIVE WITH THE COUNTY.

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** TIME HAS EXPIRED.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP. NEXT WITNESS, MA'AM? GO
22 AHEAD, MA'AM.

23

24 **AMANDA Z:** HI, MY NAME IS AMANDA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE

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1 COMMUNITY BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A RISK OF DISCREPANCY
2 BETWEEN THE IDEA OF A DOG BOARDING FACILITY AND WHAT CANYON
3 VIEW RANCH IS ACTUALLY LIKE. OF COURSE I CAN ONLY SPEAK TO MY
4 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE BUT SINCE 2009 MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE
5 ESTIMATED THAT OUR DOGS HAVE BEEN THERE I THINK BETWEEN 150
6 AND 200 NIGHTS. WE TRAVEL QUITE A BIT. SOMETIMES THEY'VE BEEN
7 THERE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS AT A TIME. I AM ONE OF THE PEOPLE
8 WHO DOES TEND TO DRIVE MY DOG. I LIVE NEARBY IN THE PALISADES.
9 I CONSIDER TOPANGA PART OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I LOVE TOPANGA
10 CANYON. I LOVE DRIVING UP THE LITTLE MOUNTAINOUS ROAD. I'M
11 ALMOST ALWAYS THE ONLY PERSON ON THE ROAD. I'M ALMOST THE ONLY
12 PERSON IN THE LITTLE PARKING LOT. IT IS QUIET. IT IS CALM. IF
13 THE DOG BARKS, THERE'S A TRAINER THERE TO REDIRECT THEM RIGHT
14 AWAY. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE AND IT'S NOT JUST BEAUTIFUL. IT'S
15 IMMACULATE. IT IS FAR MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT WOULD EVEN NEED
16 TO BE. BUT I THINK THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF HOW RANDY AND JOE HAVE
17 INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND DEFINITELY IN MY FAMILY. AND I
18 JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE BUSINESS
19 BEING DONE RIGHT AND THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD
20 SUPPORT AND NOT LIMIT. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT THEM
21 TODAY AND GRATEFUL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. SIR?

24

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1 **BRAD GOODE:** MY NAME IS BRAD GOODE. I'M A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA.
2 I AM NOT FRIENDS WITH JOE AND RANDY. THAT'S NOT BY DESIGN. I
3 JUST HAVE NO BIAS IN THIS CASE. MY DOGS HAVE STAYED THERE. I
4 RESCUE ABUSED, FOSTER ABUSED PITBULLS AS WELL. I RUN MY OWN
5 BUSINESS, I TRAVEL A GREAT DEAL AND I NEED A PLACE FOR DOGS TO
6 GO THAT I CAN BE COMFORTABLE, WHERE THESE DOGS HAVE SPECIAL
7 NEEDS. AND CANYON HAVE YOU DOES A GREAT JOB. I'VE NEVER HEARD
8 DOGS BARKING. I CERTAINLY HAVE NEVER HEARD DOGS BEING ABUSED
9 AND SCREAMING, AS WE HEARD TESTIMONY. IT'S A VERY WELL-RUN
10 PLACE. AND I URGE YOU TO EXTEND THEIR NUMBER OF DOGS THAT THEY
11 CAN SERVE UP TO 60.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM? GO AHEAD. YES.

14

15 **LISA KEHLE:** MY NAME IS LISA VIALI KEHLE. I'M HERE BECAUSE MY
16 ONE-LINE STREET AND ONCE-QUIET HOME HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY
17 IMPACTED BY THIS KENNEL WHICH HOUSES AT TIMES OVER 100 DOGS.
18 CANYON VIEW RANCH WAS STARTED WITHOUT A C.U.P., THEN REWARDED
19 WITH A C.U.P. WHOSE RULES THE KENNEL NEVER ADHERED TO IT. NOW
20 THEY ASK YOU TO REWARD THEM FOR NOT ADHERING TO THEIR PRESENT
21 C.U.P. BY EXPANDING THAT C.U.P. WITH A LARGER C.U.P.? WE,
22 THEIR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, PROTEST. ONLY ONE OF THE PEOPLE
23 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE KENNEL CURRENTLY LIVES ANYWHERE NEAR
24 THIS KENNEL. ALL THE REST OF THE PEOPLE ARE ALL FRIENDS OR
25 EMPLOYEES OF THE KENNEL, NOT IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS. VERY NICE

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1 PEOPLE I'M SURE BUT THEY WILL NEVER BE IMPACTED BY 100 PLUS
2 BARKING DOGS, CRAZY TRAFFIC ON NARROW, STEEP ONE-LANE ROADS,
3 DOG FILTH AND DETERGENT RUNOFF. WE ARE. THE KENNEL CONTENDS
4 THAT WE THE ACTUAL NEIGHBORS ARE REMOTE AND UNAFFECTED. IF
5 THAT WAS THE CASE, EVERYTHING WOULD BE WONDERFUL AND NONE OF
6 US WOULD BE HERE. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE 100 PLUS DOGS IN A LARGE
7 COMMERCIAL KENNEL ON OUR FORMERLY QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD AFFECTS
8 US IMMEASURABLY. THE KENNEL IS NOT SOME GIFT THAT BENEFITS OUR
9 COMMUNITY. THIS IS A MONEY-MAKING OPERATION RUN SOLELY FOR THE
10 FINANCIAL BENEFIT OF THE TWO OWNERS AND THE BENEFIT OF THEIR
11 WEALTHY CLIENTS. PICTURES OF CUTE DOGS DON'T CHANGE THAT FACT.
12 PLEASE DENY THE C.U.P. OR ANY EXPANSION. IF YOU BELIEVE TRULY
13 THAT A HUGE COMMERCIAL DOG KENNEL IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD IS
14 SUCH A GREAT IDEA THEN MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS
15 YOU PUT IT NEXT DOOR TO YOU GUYS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RICHARD ERICKSON. DENISE
18 DEGRAFF. DAN HANRAHAN. HARLEY JANE KOZAK. GO AHEAD, SIR.

19

20 **RICHARD ERICKSON:** MY NAME IS RICHARD ERICKSON. I DROVE ALL THE
21 WAY IN FROM BEAUTIFUL TOPANGA CANYON. WHICH I HESITATE TO
22 LEAVE BECAUSE IT HAS FACILITIES LIKE CANYON RANCH. BUT MORE
23 THAN THAT, IT HAS CITIZENS LIKE RANDY AND JOE, WHO NOT ONLY
24 TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR ANIMALS, BUT ARE UPSTANDING, STERLING,
25 RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WHO ALSO PULL THEIR WEIGHT TO MAKE ALL OF

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1 US SAFER. WE HAVE TWO DOGS. WE HAVE FIVE HORSES. ONE HEAD OF
2 CAT. EVERY TIME OUR DOGS COME BACK FROM CANYON VIEW, THEY'RE
3 QUIETER AND BETTER BEHAVED. I WOULD JUST ADD THAT THE TWO
4 PUPPIES THAT WERE OFFERED THIS MORNING, IF THEY SHOULD GROW UP
5 AND HAVE THE CHANCE TO GO CANYON RANCH, THEY COULD A WHOLE LOT
6 WORSE.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM? NEXT WITNESS.

9

10 **DENISE DEGRAFF:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE DEGRAFF, AND I FIRST MET
11 RANDY AND JOE 10 YEARS AGO WHEN I BROUGHT THIS VERY ADORABLE
12 CUTE DOG BUT PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST TROUBLED DOGS ON THE
13 PLANET TO THEM FOR TRAINING. SHE WAS FOUND IN A DUMPSTER WHEN
14 SHE WAS A LITTLE PUPPY. BY THE TIME SHE GOT TO ME, SHE
15 LITERALLY HAD A RAP SHEET. AND PEOPLE, THEY WERE TRYING TO
16 CONVINCE ME TO GIVE UP ON HER. I BROUGHT THEM WITH TWO PAGES
17 OF PROBLEMS, AND THEY TOOK IT ON, WHEN, BY THE WAY, CAESAR
18 MILLAN WOULDN'T DO IT. SHE'S AS ADORABLE AS COULD BE NOW. SHE
19 REALLY SUCCEEDS AND THRIVES WHEN SHE GOES THERE. I DON'T TAKE
20 HER TO THE DOG PARK BECAUSE OF HER PAST SO THIS IS THE ONLY
21 PLACE WHERE SHE'S OFF LEASH. AND IT'S LIKE A BOARDING SCHOOL
22 BUT A FUN PLACE FOR HER. NOW, TO SPEAK ABOUT THE NOISE AND SO
23 FORTH, I WAS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO HAVE BEEN A NEIGHBOR AT
24 THE SAME TIME WHEN I BOARDED MY HORSES NEXT DOOR. IT COULDN'T
25 HAVE BEEN MORE QUIET. I WAS UP THERE EVERY DAY SOMETIMES TWICE

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1 A DAY. AND THE ONLY NOISE I HEARD WERE OTHER DOGS IN THE
2 COMMUNITY OR CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

5

6 **STACY SLEDGE:** THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. THIS TIME I'M STEPPING
7 IN AS A RESIDENT. I NEVER GET TO SPEAK AS A RESIDENT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF?

10

11 **STACY SLEDGE:** OF DAN HANRAHAN. I AM A STACY SLEDGE. I'M A
12 VOLUNTEER IN THE CANYON WITH OVER 8 LOCAL NONPROFIT
13 ORGANIZATIONS HELPING MAKE TOPANGA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. ALL
14 OF THEM PROMOTE VARIOUS CAUSES SUCH AS ANIMAL RIGHTS AND
15 SAFETY, NONTOXIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, RESTRICTING MAJOR
16 DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, SUPPORTING
17 LOCAL BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS' SAFETY AND MUCH MORE. I MENTION
18 THESE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS BECAUSE CANYON VIEW RANCH'S C.U.P.
19 TOUCHES ON ALL THESE AREAS. I HAVE BOARDED TWO OF MY DOGS AT
20 THE RANCH OVER THE PAST DECADE, AND FIND IT TO BE AN
21 OUTSTANDING FACILITY, FAR SURPASSING ANY OTHER FACILITY OF ITS
22 KIND IN LOS ANGELES OR THE STATE. AND IT'S LOCAL. I APPRECIATE
23 THE RANCH'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY OFFERING ITS BOARDING
24 FACILITIES AFTER DISASTER EVACUATIONS AND FOR THE OWNERS FOR
25 SUBMITTING HELPFUL ARTICLES ON ONETOPANGA.COM OUR COMMUNITY

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1 WEBSITE, PROMOTING ANIMAL AND DOG OWNER SAFETY. I APPRECIATE
2 THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WANTING TO SEE THAT ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES
3 REMAIN. AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO APPROVE THE C.U.P. AS THEY
4 REQUESTED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT WITNESS. STATE
7 YOUR NAME.

8

9 **HARLEY JANE KOZAK:** MY NAME IS HARLEY JANE KOZAK AND MY FAMILY
10 AND I HAVE BEEN CLIENTS OF CANYON VIEW TRAINING RANCH FOR 16
11 YEARS, STARTING WITH OUR VERY FIRST RESCUE DOG. IF YOU'VE EVER
12 BEEN TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER, YOU KNOW WHAT A HEARTBREAKING
13 EXPERIENCE THAT IS. AND THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THAT IS CANYON
14 VIEW RANCH. IT'S EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN DESCRIBED TODAY, IT'S
15 BEAUTIFUL, IT'S CLEAN, IT SMELLS NICE. IT'S FILLED WITH HAPPY
16 PEOPLE AND DOGS. AND IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY QUIET. AND THAT IS A
17 TESTAMENT BOTH TO JOE AND RANDY'S TRAINING TECHNIQUES AND TO
18 THEIR REAL SENSITIVITY TO THEIR NEIGHBORS. I AM A 10-YEAR
19 RESIDENT OF TOPANGA AND A CURRENT RESIDENT OF AGOURA HILLS AND
20 IN RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUS WITNESS, I WOULD LOVE, LOVE, LOVE TO
21 BE JOE AND RANDY'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RUTH SARNOFF. SHELIAH WARD. YOU'LL
24 PASS? OKAY. SHELIAH WARD IS HAS LEFT. ELIZABETH ZALIAN, AND
25 WAYNE FROM ENCINO AND PAT MACNEIL? GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1

2 **ELIZABETH ZALIAN:** HI, I'M ELIZABETH ZALIAN AND I'M HERE TO
3 SUPPORT CANYON VIEW RANCH AND THEIR ATTEMPT TO GET PERMISSION
4 TO HAVE MORE DOGS ON THEIR FACILITY. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO
5 JOE AND RANDY. WHEN I ADOPTED JASPER, HE WAS A MATURE DOG WITH
6 BEHAVIORAL ISSUES THAT I COULDN'T DEAL WITH. CANYON VIEW CAME
7 TO THE RESCUE AND THEN NINE YEARS LATER WE'RE STILL LOYAL TO
8 THEM. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WE FEEL COMFORTABLE BOARDING JASPER.
9 CANYON VIEW RANCH HAS SAVED ME TIME AND AGAIN IN FAMILY HEALTH
10 CRISES, URGENT BUSINESS, OR PERSONAL EVENTS OR MUCH NEEDED
11 VACATIONS. WE'RE ALWAYS CONFIDENT THAT WE'LL FIND JASPER HAPPY
12 AND HEALTHY UPON OUR RETURN. WHAT'S ALWAYS IMPRESSED US IS THE
13 ORDERLY FACILITY AND THE FRIENDLY CONSCIENTIOUS STAFF. IN THE
14 RECENT YEARS, I'VE BEEN SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT OUR PIONEERING
15 FRIENDS WHO OPENED THEIR DOG HAVEN IN THE FAR REACHES OF
16 TOPANGA MANY YEARS AGO ARE HAVING THEIR LIVELIHOODS THREATENED
17 BY ENCROACHING GENTRIFICATION. IT'S SADLY IRONIC WHEN PEOPLE
18 COME TO AN AREA THEY PROFESS TO LOVE, ONLY TRY TO ATTEMPT TO
19 CHANGE THE VERY THINGS THAT MAKE THE PLACE SPECIAL. IT'S KIND
20 OF LIKE LIVING NEXT DOOR TO A DAIRY FARM AND THEN COMPLAINING
21 ABOUT THE COWS. RESPECTFULLY I HOPE YOU WILL RENEW THEIR
22 PERMIT AND THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

25

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1 **PAT MACNEIL:** MY NAME IS PAT MACNEIL. I'M THE FOUNDER AND
2 FORMER CHAIR OF T.C.E.P. IN TOPANGA CANYON. RANDY HAS
3 VOLUNTEERED WITH OUR ORGANIZATION AND WAS THE FIRST LEADER OF
4 THE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK. I'M NOT GOING TO REITERATE
5 EVERYTHING EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SAID. WE'VE HAD TWO DOGS. WE
6 HAVE ONE NOW. AND WE'VE LIVED IN THE CANYON FOR 40 YEARS. AND
7 THE REASON WE LIVE THERE IS BECAUSE WE LOVE IT AND WE LOVE THE
8 PEOPLE. RANDY AND JOE COULD NOT BE BETTER NEIGHBORS. AND I
9 HAVE TO SAY THAT SOMEONE WHO SPOKE A FEW MINUTES AGO WHO LIVES
10 ON CIRCLE TRAIL COULD NOT HEAR ANIMALS THAT FAR AWAY.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT.

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE PET
15 OWNERS. (BARKING LIKE A DOG). SO, NOW, WE HAVE THE PONIES, NOW
16 WE HAVE THE DOGS TO COMPLETE THE DOG AND PONY SHOW FOR TODAY.
17 HOW ARE WE GOING TO SAY NO TO THIS? IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. IT'S
18 IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY NO. SO SHEILA KUEHL HAS TO DO THE RIGHT
19 THING AND RECUSE HERSELF FOR THE APPEARANCE OF BIAS.
20 APPEARANCE OF BIAS. NOT BIAS. THE APPEARANCE OF BIAS OR
21 PROPRIETY. THAT WAY YOU'LL LEAVE IT UP TO THE OTHER THREE AND
22 YOU KNOW THE OTHER THREE WILL VOTE YES BECAUSE LOOK AT THESE
23 LITTLE GUYS. YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO PUPPIES, RIGHT? (BARKING LIKE
24 A DOG). YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO PUPPIES. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO VOTE
25 YES FOR THE PUPPIES BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T VOTE FOR THE PUPPIES,

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1 THE DEVELOPERS WILL GET THAT FIVE ACRES AND REALLY SCREW
2 THINGS UP, WON'T THEY? [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WENDY MALICK. ELIZABETH NEELY AND
5 LAURA ASTER. (OFF MIC. COMMENT).

6

7 **LAURA ASTER:** MY NAME IS LAURA ASTER AND THIS IS INDIGO. WHEN
8 SHE WAS A BABY, NO ONE WANTED HER. THANKS TO CANYON VIEW
9 RANCH, THEY HELPED HER TO GROW AND THRIVE. AND KARI, WHO
10 TESTIFIED EARLIER TODAY, MISS KARI HAS CRADLED INDIGO TO THE
11 85-POUND GERMAN SHEPHERD THAT SHE IS TODAY AND SHE STILL
12 THINKS SHE'S A 20-POUND DOG. NO ONE THAT'S ADDRESSED THIS
13 PANEL MENTIONED THE NUMEROUS MOVIE TRUCKS THAT ARE UP ON THE
14 ROAD SHOOTING FILMS AT THOSE RANCHES THAT SIT AROUND CANYON
15 VIEW. NO ONE'S BROUGHT THAT UP TODAY. ANY TIME I'VE EVER
16 DRIVEN UP THERE, THAT'S THE ONLY TRAFFIC I'VE EVER SEEN. THIS
17 RANCH IS CLEAN. THEY ARE LOVING. THEY ARE KIND. AND MY DOG
18 INDIGO IS NOT JUST A DOG. I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO
19 HER MYSELF. SHE IS ONE OF MY CHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR
20 LISTENING, EVERYONE. AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU EXTEND THEM TO
21 60 DOGS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE I WOULD EVER BRING
22 INDIGO. THANK YOU ALSO MUCH.

23

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WENDY MALICK. SHE'S GONE?
2 OKAY. THEN WE GO BACK TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL WHO JUST CONCLUDED
3 THE HEARING OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AND
6 THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TESTIFIED ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS. I KNOW
7 THAT PEOPLE THINK THEY UNDERSTAND HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS AND HOW
8 WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS, SO I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY BEFORE I OFFER
9 THE MOTION THAT I THINK NO ONE WILL LIKE BUT EVERYONE WILL
10 FIND SOMETHING TO LIKE AND IT'S WHAT WE HAVE REALLY DONE
11 BEFORE WITH THE ISSUE OF THE VINEYARDS, WITH THE ISSUE OF BEDS
12 AND BREAKFASTS THAT WANT TO EXCEED THE HEIGHT ON THE RIDGE
13 LINE. EVERYONE ALWAYS REFERS TO LIMITS AS ARBITRARY. FIRST I
14 WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AT PLANNING. YOU THINK YOU HEARD US
15 BEING ABUSED A LITTLE BIT TODAY, I'M CERTAIN YOU DON'T KNOW
16 WHAT THEY'VE GONE THROUGH. OR PERHAPS YOU KNOW ONLY IN YOUR
17 OWN COMMUNICATION WITH THEM. MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN QUITE
18 POLITE AND FORTHCOMING. BUT, STILL, THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN ON
19 BOTH SIDES. SO THANKS TO THE STAFF BECAUSE THEY DO THIS EVERY
20 DAY FOR ABOUT A MILLION PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE
21 COUNTY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION THAT THIS IS AN
22 AMAZING AND WONDERFUL FACILITY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY
23 QUESTION THAT EVERYONE WHO LOVES THEIR DOG-- AND THAT IS MOST
24 PEOPLE WHO OWN A DOG OR WHO ARE OWNED BY DOGS-- WOULD SAY THIS
25 FACILITY IS THE BEST THEY'VE EVER SEEN. I'M VERY POSITIVE

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1 ABOUT THE OWNERS OF THIS FACILITY FOR MANY REASONS, BECAUSE
2 THEY HAVE RUN IT IN A WAY THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT. IT PAYS A
3 LOT OF ATTENTION TO THE ANIMALS THEMSELVES AND TO THEIR
4 OWNERS. AND IT'S A WONDERFUL THING TO HAVE IN THE DISTRICT. I
5 ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THEIR DECISION TO RAISE THE MINIMUM
6 WAGE BEFORE THEY'RE REQUIRED TO DO SO AND REALLY THINK ABOUT
7 THEIR EMPLOYEES. THE TROUBLE THAT I HAD WITH SIMPLY SAYING YES
8 TO THE REQUEST TO IMMEDIATELY INCREASE TO 60, PERMIT FOR 60
9 DOGS IS THAT WHETHER OR NOT THE OWNERS AND SUPPORTERS FELT THE
10 LIMIT OF 30 DOGS SET QUITE A WHILE AGO WAS ARBITRARY, IT WAS
11 THE LIMIT. AND WE DO THIS EVERY DAY. WE SAY, THIS IS-- THESE
12 ARE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH YOU CAN OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS.
13 OR THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH YOU CAN BUILD YOUR
14 HOUSE. THE FACT THAT NO ONE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS OF
15 THE CONDITIONS IS ACTUALLY IRRELEVANT TO THE LAW. BUT IT ALSO
16 TELLS US, INSTRUCTS US, I THINK, FOR THE FUTURE. SO WHAT I
17 WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AND WHAT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO JOE AND
18 RANDY IS THAT WE WILL HOLD-- PLEASE DON'T GROAN UNTIL I
19 FINISH. WE WILL HOLD TO THE 30-DOG LIMIT. 45-LIMIT IN SPECIAL
20 WEEKS OF VACATIONS OR HOLIDAYS, INCLUDING SPRING BREAK. WE
21 AGREE TO EXPAND THAT BECAUSE DIFFERENT FAMILIES HAVE DIFFERENT
22 SPRING BREAKS. AND IF THERE IS COMPLIANCE WITH THESE
23 REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITS FOR ONE YEAR, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER
24 OF LAST YEAR, BECAUSE THAT IS WHEN COMPLIANCE BEGAN. AND THE
25 NUMBER OF DOGS WAS REDUCED TO 30 AT THE FACILITY IN SEPTEMBER.

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1 IF COMPLIANCE CONTINUES, THEN IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, WE
2 WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DOGS THAT COULD BE HOUSED THERE
3 TO 50 DURING REGULAR TIMES AND 60 DURING HOLIDAY TIMES. IT
4 SEEMS LIKE A COMPROMISE. I DON'T WANT TO SIMPLY JUMP UP. I
5 MEAN THAT'S A TWO-THIRDS INCREASE RIGHT THERE. I DON'T WANT TO
6 JUMP UP HIGHER THAN THAT BECAUSE TO SOME EXTENT WE HAVE TO SAY
7 WE WANT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. AND WE WANT TO SEE THE
8 SINCERITY OF IT NO MATTER HOW WONDERFUL A FACILITY IS. SO THIS
9 IS A KIND OF SOLOMON-ESQUE. I DON'T WANT TO COMPARE MYSELF TO
10 THE KING BUT THAT'S WHERE THE LESSON COMES FROM. CAN YOU SPLIT
11 THE DIFFERENCE? LET ME SAY THREE MORE THINGS. THERE WAS SOME
12 QUESTION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SHUTTLE TRIPS BEING LIMITED PER
13 DAY. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH ANY KIND OF SHUTTLE IS THAT IT'S NOT
14 THE SAME EVERY DAY. SO A REQUEST WAS MADE, COULD WE INSTEAD
15 LIMIT IT TO A WEEKLY NUMBER WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE. SO
16 THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADJUSTMENT, LESS ON WEDNESDAY, MORE ON
17 SATURDAY, ET CETERA. THERE WAS ALSO SOME REQUEST THAT THE DOGS
18 THAT ARE BEING WALKED OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY WHERE WE ARE
19 ACTUALLY TEACHING IN MANY WAYS BY DOING SO, SOCIALIZATION, ET
20 CETERA, BE LIMITED TO ONE A DAY. AND I BELIEVE-- I THOUGHT
21 THAT WAS TOO LOW. SO I THINK WE RAISED THAT LIMIT. I'LL READ
22 THIS ALL IN. LET ME ALSO SAY THAT THOSE OF YOU, LIKE ME, WHO
23 HAVE LIVED FOR YEARS NEXT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEGA
24 MANSION, THERE ARE ALSO WAYS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT. AND I
25 REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT. [APPLAUSE.] YOU CAN'T BEGIN

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1 WORK UNTIL A CERTAIN HOUR IN THE MORNING AND THAT INCLUDES
2 RUNNING TRUCKS, LEAVING THE MOTORS ON IN TRUCKS AN HOUR BEFORE
3 THE WORK IS SUPPOSED TO START. YOU CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT.
4 THERE ARE NOISE LIMITS. YOU CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT. PLANNING,
5 ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT IN CHARGE OF THAT, HAS SAID THEY WOULD
6 BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR COMPLAINTS BECAUSE THEY'RE USED TO
7 HEARING FROM ALL OF US. THE COMPLAINTS REALLY CAN BE FILED
8 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
9 HEALTH ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT. AND
10 THAT DOESN'T HELP NECESSARILY. BUT I'M TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE
11 TO ACTUALLY EVERY SINGLE POINT THAT WAS MADE. SO, COLLEAGUES,
12 I WOULD ASK IF YOU MIGHT JOIN ME IN APPROVING THE FOLLOWING
13 COMPROMISE, WHICH HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO YOU AND I'LL JUST
14 READ THE MOTION PART INTO THE RECORD FOR OUR VOTES. "I MOVE
15 THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DENY THE NON-APPLICANT
16 APPEAL IN FULL. AND GRANT THE APPLICANT APPEAL IN PART. FIND
17 THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. INDICATE THE BOARD'S
18 INTENT TO APPROVE PROJECT NO. R2013-02633-3 CONSISTING OF
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2013-001353 WITH THE FOLLOWING
20 AMENDED CONDITIONS. FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, I WOULD ADD
21 BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2015, THE RANCH SHALL BE LIMITED TO A
22 MAXIMUM 30 DOGS EXCEPT DURING SPECIFIED HOLIDAY PERIODS DURING
23 WHICH THE RANCH SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM 45 DOGS. IF THE
24 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ISSUED A NOTICE OF
25 VIOLATION TO THE RANCH FOR A VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION

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1 IN THE 12 MONTHS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 2016, THE RANCH
2 SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM 50 DOGS DURING NORMAL OPERATION
3 AND A MAXIMUM 60 DOGS DURING SPECIFIED HOLIDAY PERIODS. IF THE
4 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT ISSUES A NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO
5 THE RANCH FOR A VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION IN THOSE 12
6 MONTHS, THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF DOGS SHALL NOT
7 INCREASE. THE WEEK APPROVED BY THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS SPRING BREAK AND THE ONE WEEK
9 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AND THE ONE WEEK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
10 THE DISTRICT'S SPRING BREAK SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN THE C.U.P.
11 AS A HOLIDAY PERIOD DURING WHICH ADDITIONAL DOGS ARE ALLOWED.
12 ALL OTHER L.A. UNIFIED HOLIDAYS SHALL CONSTITUTE A HOLIDAY
13 PERIOD DURING WHICH ADDITIONAL DOGS ARE ALLOWED. THE NUMBER OF
14 ROUND-TRIP VEHICLE TRIPS TO THE RANCH, NOT COUNTING TRIPS BY
15 RANCH EMPLOYEES AND THE SHUTTLE SERVICE, SHALL BE LIMITED TO
16 30 PER WEEK. THESE TRIPS SHALL NOT OCCUR DURING THE MORNING
17 PEAK HOUR TIME 8 A.M. TO 10 A.M. SHALL BE APPOINTMENT-ONLY.
18 THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE SHUTTLE. AND MUST BE RECORDED IN
19 A LOG TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
20 PLANNING AND MADE AVAILABLE TO STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 REGIONAL PLANNING AS NECESSARY TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE. DOGS
22 SHALL BE PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF THE RANCH'S FENCES PROVIDED EACH
23 DOG IS LEASHED AND ACCOMPANIED BY RANCH STAFF IN CONNECTION
24 WITH THE TRAINING OF THE DOG AND ARE A ONE-ON-ONE BASIS.
25 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND

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1 CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS MOTION WITH THE BOARD'S
2 CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THAT IS MY MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN AMENDED, THE
5 REPORT. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THERE'S
7 NO OBJECTION, THEN, AS AMENDED, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

8 [APPLAUSE.] GOOD COMPROMISE. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO
9 R-1, A.B.109. THIS IS A REPORT BY CHIEF CAL REMINGTON,
10 PROBATION. IF WE CAN HAVE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES COME
11 FORWARD. MEMBERS, CAL, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND CHANGE THE
12 CALENDAR A BIT HERE. WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM 14 BEFORE WE GO
13 FORWARD. HOLD YOUR HORSES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON YOUR
18 ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO MOVE AS
21 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN IF YOU WILL PERMIT THE SPEAKERS
22 TO COME. I THINK THERE ARE ABOUT FIVE OR SIX SPEAKERS. I WANT
23 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN
24 COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND THE HOMELESS
25 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES. I THINK IT'S CLEAR NO MATTER HOW

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1 EFFICIENT, HOW HOLISTIC AND HOW ACCOUNTABLE WE ARE, ONE-TIME
2 FUNDING WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN OUR EFFORTS AND MAKE
3 PROGRESS AS WE NEED AND AS WE HAVE DECLARED. IT IS STRIKING TO
4 ME A FEW WEEKS AGO, WHEN WE ADOPTED OUR PLAN THAT REGULARLY IT
5 WAS STATED THAT ONE-TIME FUNDING WILL BE INSUFFICIENT. AND
6 THEN ON AT LEAST THREE OTHER OCCASIONS, JUNE OF 2013 AND JUNE
7 OF 2015 AND THEN IN OCTOBER OF 2015 THE BOARD REQUESTED THAT
8 THE EXISTING ONGOING REVENUES BE IDENTIFIED TO ADDRESS THE
9 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND OUR RECENT BUDGET PROJECTIONS MAKE
10 IT VERY CLEAR THAT CURRENT COUNTY RESOURCES ARE SIMPLY NOT
11 SUFFICIENT TO FUND THESE INITIATIVES AND SERVICES TO COMBAT
12 HOMELESSNESS ON AN ONGOING BASIS. I APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR
13 MAKING THIS ISSUE A HIGH PRIORITY. IT IS URGENT. IT IS
14 COMPELLING NOT ONLY POLITICALLY BUT MORALLY. SO WE NEED TO
15 EXPLORE AND TAKE STEPS TO PRESERVE OUR OPTIONS. THESE OPTIONS
16 ARE BROAD. THAT'S THE BEST WAY WE CAN MAKE A DECISION. AND I
17 AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE MOTIONS, THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE
18 BEEN MADE BY BOTH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND ANTONOVICH AND THE
19 REQUEST MADE BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO STRIKE THE LANGUAGE OF
20 IMMEDIATE POLLING. I'M FINE WITH ALL OF THAT. THE POINT TO BE
21 MADE HERE IS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO OUR RESPECTIVE
22 PUBLICS AND/OR AUDIENCES, DEFINE THEM AS YOU WILL, THAT WE ARE
23 VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. AND I
24 WANT TO ASSERT WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION, WE CAN'T BE
25 SERIOUS UNLESS WE IDENTIFY ONGOING REVENUE SOURCES. I DON'T

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1 DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS PREMATURELY AS TO WHAT THEY WOULD BE. I
2 JUST KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO ENGAGE THE QUESTION OF HOW WE SHOULD
3 DO THAT. AND IF WE CAN INSTRUCT OUR STAFF ACCORDINGLY, I THINK
4 OUR MISSION WILL THEN BE ACCOMPLISHED AND THE CREDIBILITY WE
5 BRING TO BEAR IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING AND/OR CONFRONTING
6 HOMELESSNESS WOULD NOT BE EASILY QUESTIONED OR CHALLENGED.
7 MADAME CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH, KUEHL AND THEN MYSELF.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO AUTHORIZE
13 WE WOULD ASK FOR THE REPORT BACK TO INCLUDE HAVING THE
14 AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE EXISTING MEASURE B FUNDS TO ESTABLISH
15 SERVICES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS BY
16 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND TO FEASIBILITY OF PLACING INITIATIVE
17 ON THE BALLOT TO EXPAND THE SERVICES REIMBURSABLE UNDER
18 MEASURE B TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS FOR THE HOMELESS. AND NOT
19 INCREASING THE TOTAL TAX BURDEN AND OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE
20 AVAILABLE WITHOUT TAX INCREASES.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT. OKAY.
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I VERY STRONGLY
2 SUPPORT THE NOTION THAT WE MUST EXPLORE ALL THE WAYS POSSIBLE
3 TO FUND THE VERY AMBITIOUS INITIATIVE THAT WE'VE UNDERTAKEN.
4 AT THE SAME TIME, WE INSTRUCTED OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT TO DO A
5 PRETTY SERIOUS INVESTIGATION ABOUT WHERE WE'RE PARK POOR. WE
6 HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY TODAY ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT
7 PARKS. AND WE WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL POSITIVELY ABOUT DOING THAT.
8 THE MAKER OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION IS THE CHAIR OF THE METRO
9 BOARD. AND I KNOW HE CARES A LOT ABOUT R-2. SO I THINK THERE
10 IS ROOM HERE FOR US TO DO A VERY SERIOUS EXPLORATION OF
11 TIMING, OF METHODOLOGY. I'D LIKE THE IDEA OF POLLING. I THINK
12 THE REASON I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT-- JUST TO TAKE THE WORD
13 "IMMEDIATE" OUT BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O.
14 TO THINK ABOUT WAYS THAT WE MIGHT FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT THE
15 INITIATIVE AND THEN POLLING ON THEM. AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE
16 GOOD FOR US TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THE C.E.O. MIGHT THINK
17 ABOUT WAYS TO RAISE MONEY BEFORE WE INSTRUCT THEM TO GO OUT ON
18 A POLL. I THINK THAT'S A RESPONSIBILITY I'D LIKE US TO BE ABLE
19 TO TAKE, AND DECIDE TOGETHER ABOUT. BECAUSE WE KNOW A LOT
20 ABOUT POLLING OVER OUR LIFETIMES. AND I THINK WE WANT TO BE
21 ABLE TO SAY WHAT A GOOD WAY WOULD BE TO DO IT, WHAT THE TIMING
22 MIGHT BE, ET CETERA. SO I THINK THE AMENDMENTS, I'M VERY
23 GRATEFUL TO THE AUTHOR FOR TAKING THE AMENDMENTS. AND I LOOK
24 FORWARD TO THE INFORMATION THAT WILL DEVELOP ABOUT HOW TO DO
25 THIS.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND I JUST WANT TO ALSO
3 COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION BECAUSE HE'S CORRECT, IN THE
4 STATEMENT BY THE BOARD IN THE PAST HAS BEEN THAT THIS IS OUR
5 PRIORITY. AND WE DO HAVE TO FIND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING. BUT
6 IT'S HOW WE DO IT, WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE, THE MOST
7 AVAILABLE AND HOW WE PUT THAT PROCESS IN PLACE GIVEN ALL THE
8 OTHER COMPETING INTERESTS. I HEAR FROM MY STAFF THERE ARE AT
9 LEAST OVER MAYBE 30 INITIATIVES THAT ARE NOT JUST ON
10 HOMELESSNESS BUT OVERALL IN TERMS OF THE STATE AND LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE CITY WHO'S CONTEMPLATING SOME
12 ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES ON HOUSING. ALL THOSE ARE DIFFERENT
13 FORCES THAT NONE OF US CAN REALLY CONTROL. BUT WE CAN TRY AND
14 DO OUR BEST. SO I'M ALSO WANTING TO TWEAK MY AMENDMENT JUST TO
15 SAY THAT-- AND I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT-- TO
16 EXTEND THE REPORT BACK FROM 30 DAYS TO 45 DAYS AND DIRECT THE
17 C.E.O. TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE FULL IMPACTS AS WAS STATED
18 CONSIDERED ON THE NOVEMBER 16TH BALLOT AND TAKE IT INTO
19 CONSIDERATION LOCAL STATE INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL
20 2016 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE KNOWN AS R-2 AND THE POTENTIAL
21 PARK MEASURE AND ANY OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES. YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ADDITIONAL PIECE. I THINK THE MATTER
24 OF TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE, MADAME CHAIR, IS IMPORTANT. SO
25 I'D LIKE TO RESERVE OR PRESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE

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1 OFFICES OF THE C.E.O. TO GET BUSY, COME BACK IF IT HAS TO BE
2 PRELIMINARY IN 30, AND THEN IF WE'RE NOT SATISFIED, WE CAN GO
3 BACK TO THE 45. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO MOVE SOONER RATHER THAN
4 LATER BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT GOING ON. AND THE REAL THRUST OF
5 THIS MOTION THAT I BRING FORWARD IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS
6 BOARD IS AS EQUIPPED AS IT CAN BE TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. AND
7 I DO NOT WISH TO BE RELIANT UPON OTHER PEOPLE'S INFORMATION.
8 THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON OUT THERE. THE PRIVATE SECTOR. BY
9 OTHER GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE
10 RELIANT ON ANY MUNICIPALITIES' DATA. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD
11 BE RELIANT ON THE STATE DATA, ANYONE ELSE. IT IS OUR OWN DATA
12 THAT WE ULTIMATELY OUGHT TO BE RELIANT ON. SO I HAVE NO
13 DIFFICULTY WITH THE I GUESS IT'S THE SECOND OR THIRD METHOD.
14 BUT THE 45 DAYS, I THINK WE NEED TO STAY WITH 30. AND IF WE
15 NEED TO PUSH TO 45, OBVIOUSLY WE'LL DO THAT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT EXCEPTION, AND I GET WHERE
18 WE NEED TO GO, THAT IF IN 30 DAYS WE FIND THAT THAT ISN'T
19 SUFFICIENT, THAT WE MOVE. YEAH, WE CAN DO THAT AS A BOARD. SO
20 THOSE AMENDMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THE PIECE THAT WAS PASSED OUT THAT SAYS
23 MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS IS ACTUALLY THE WHOLE MOTION
24 NOW EXCEPT CHANGING 45 BACK TO 30, RIGHT?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT DELETES, IMMEDIATELY. IT ADDS THE
4 LANGUAGE THAT WE ALREADY HAD THAT YOU SAID YOU ACCEPTED AT
5 NUMBER 3. SO THAT'S THE WHOLE MOTION?

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WITH THE CAVEAT, UNDERSTANDING,
8 THAT IF IT COMES BACK IN 30 DAYS AND IT ISN'T SUFFICIENT, WE
9 WILL TAKE WHATEVER APPROPRIATE ACTION. ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SOLIS'S AND ANTONOVICH'S.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A LIST OF SPEAKERS. SO
15 WE HAVE ANNE MISKEY, STEVE RENAHAN, KATIE HILL, DAN PARZIALE,
16 LACHERYL PORTER, LISA PAYNE AND ERIC HUBBARD.

17

18 **RACHEL KASSEN BROCK:** MY NAME IS RACHEL KASSEN BROCK. I'M HERE ON
19 BEHALF OF ANN MISKEY FROM THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AN
20 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.
21 I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD
22 PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS. BUT A PLAN WITHOUT ACTION IS WORTH
23 NOTHING MORE THAN THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON, FULL OF EMPTY
24 WORDS AND PROMISES. NOW WE MUST BRING IT TO LIFE AND THAT
25 TAKES MONEY. HAVING A HOME IS FUNDAMENTAL TO BEING HUMAN. AND

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1 THE FACT THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE SLEEP IN THE DOORWAYS AND
2 ALLEYWAYS OF OUR COUNTY IS OUR SHAME. WE MUST PUT MONEY,
3 SUBSTANTIAL MONEY, INTO MAKING THIS PLAN A REALITY IF WE TRULY
4 WANT TO END THIS PROBLEM. AND A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IS AN
5 INCREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE FIRST STEP. BUT SADLY IT IS ONLY A
6 START. WE KNOW THAT TO EFFECTIVELY END HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED A
7 LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO FUNDING. WE NEED TO INCREASE REVENUES
8 NOW AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT CREATING LONG TERM REVENUE
9 GENERATING OPTIONS THAT WILL SET US UP FOR EVENTUAL AND
10 PERMANENT SUCCESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO STANDING WITH YOU,
11 LIFTING OUR HEADS IN PRIDE, SAYING THAT WE HAVE ENDED
12 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 COMMITMENT AND YOUR VOICES.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, SIR?

16

17 **STEVE RENAHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE
18 RENAHAN. I WORK FOR SHELTER PARTNERSHIP HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
19 THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR APPROVING THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE PLAN
20 EARLIER THIS MONTH. A SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THAT PLAN IS THAT
21 WHILE IT INCLUDES MANY EXCELLENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING
22 OUR HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM, IT ALSO SAYS THAT WE
23 NEED SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IF WE WANT TO BE SERIOUS
24 ABOUT ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS
25 MADE AN ADMIRABLE DOWN PAYMENT ON THOSE RESOURCES. BUT WHAT WE

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1 NEED ARE SUSTAINABLE ANNUAL RESOURCES. THIS MOTION IS A GOOD
2 STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. IT'S THE LOGICAL NEXT STEP IN THAT
3 DIRECTION TO EXPLORE THE MANY OPTIONS THAT CAN FUND THE KINDS
4 OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN END HOMELESSNESS. SO THANK YOU,
5 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS
6 MOTION AND WE URGE ALL SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT IT.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **KATIE HILL:** HI, I'M KATIE HILL WITH P.A.T.H. P.A.T.H. WOULD
11 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECENTLY ADOPTING
12 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR
13 COMMUNITIES. WE'VE BEEN PART OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES FOR MORE
14 THAN THREE DECADES AND IN THE PAST THREE YEARS WE HELPED MORE
15 THAN 5,000 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND VETERANS MOVE
16 FROM THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT HOMES. TODAY WE ASK THAT
17 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EXPLORE OPTIONS TO GENERATE
18 ONGOING REVENUE DEDICATED TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND SUSTAIN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE
20 STRATEGIES BEYOND JUNE OF 2017. THE INVESTMENT OF ONE-TIME
21 \$100 MILLION FUNDING IS AN INCREDIBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE
22 COUNTY THAT VARIOUS RESOURCES ARE NEED TO END HOMELESSNESS,
23 BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH. THERE NEEDS TO BE A MORE
24 SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF FUNDS, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE COUNTY'S
25 PROMISE TO HELP OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS OFF THE STREETS AND

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1 INTO HOMES. PAST 30 PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TELLS US THAT
2 ENDING HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A PART-TIME COMMITMENT. IT'S NOT A
3 ONE TIME LUMP SUM DONATION AND IT'S NOT A QUICK FIX. ENDING
4 HOMELESSNESS ENTAILS THOUGHTFUL STRATEGY, EVIDENCE BASED
5 PRACTICES AND ONGOING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT. ENDING
6 HOMELESSNESS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN HANDING OVER A SET OF KEYS.
7 IT'S PROVIDING ONGOING SERVICES AND CUSTOMIZED CARE THAT THE
8 44,000 INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON OUR STREETS NEED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

11

12 **LACHERYL PORTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LACHERYL PORTER.
13 I'M WITH ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
14 ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AS MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES
15 HAVE SAID, WE KNOW THAT ONE TIME FUNDING WILL NOT DO THE JOB
16 TO END THIS CRISIS. WE'VE ALL SEEN THAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE A
17 LOT OF WORK IN PUTTING FUNDING INTO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. BUT
18 WHEN IT'S ONLY A ONE TIME OR ONE YEAR, WE COME BACK TO THE
19 SAME POSITION. SO AT ST. JOSEPH, WE SERVE VETERANS, WE SERVE
20 FAMILIES, CHILDREN ON THE WEST SIDE. BUT ALSO IN SOUTH L.A.,
21 S.P.A. 6, AND WE'RE SEEING THAT THIS CRISIS IS GETTING WORSE.
22 AND IN ORDER TO REALLY DO A JOB AND REDUCING OR ENDING
23 HOMELESSNESS WE FEEL THAT WE NEED NEW RESOURCES FOR SERVICES
24 AND FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION. WE APPLAUD THE COLLABORATION FOR

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1 THE COUNTY AND THE CITY TO WORK TOGETHER ON THE PLANS, AND WE
2 HOPE THAT THIS ONGOING EFFORT WOULD CONTINUE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **LISA PAYNE:** HI, I'M LISA PAYNE. I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING YOU KNOW, WE
8 REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WHAT YOU
9 GUYS HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST HANDFUL OF YEARS, FIVE OR SIX
10 YEARS, TO REALLY STEP UP INVESTMENT IN HOUSING, BOTH BUILDING
11 HOUSING BUT ALSO THE SERVICES. YOU GUYS REALLY HAVE UNDERSTOOD
12 THAT THAT IS WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE. AND WHILE THIS \$100
13 MILLION INVESTMENT THAT YOU FOUND FOR THIS ONE YEAR WAS
14 FANTASTIC AND WAS CRITICAL AT THIS TIME, WE REALLY DO APPLAUD
15 IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE THIS AN ONGOING
16 INVESTMENT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

20

21 **ERIC HUBBARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC HUBBARD. I'M THE
22 DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR JOVENES, INC., LOCATED IN
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ONE. JOVENES IS A PLACE OF PERSONAL
24 TRANSFORMATION FOR HOMELESS YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND
25 25. WE WANT TO APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR

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1 ACTIONS ON HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE LISTENED, YOU HAVE LEARNED
2 AND YOU HAVE ACTED. THE VOTES YOU HAVE TAKEN AND STRATEGIES
3 YOU HAVE ADOPTED ARE THE FOUNDATION TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY. AT JOVENES, WE KNOW THAT IT CAN TAKE YEARS TO
5 HELP HOMELESS YOUTH TO RECOVER FROM THE TRAUMA THEY HAVE
6 FACED. BUT WITH THE RIGHT CONSISTENT INVESTMENT AND SUPPORT,
7 THEY ARE ABLE TO RECLAIM THEIR FUTURE. FOR LOS ANGELES, IT
8 WILL ALSO TAKE YEARS TO RECOVER FROM THE HOMELESS CRISIS THAT
9 EXISTS ON OUR STREETS. WE KNOW THAT THE STRATEGIES EXIST AND
10 THAT YOU HAVE MADE A DOWN PAYMENT. BUT NOW WE ASK THAT YOU
11 CONTINUE TO FUND THESE SOLUTIONS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THEY
12 WORK. WE KNOW THAT THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN TRULY END
13 HOMELESSNESS. FOR THESE REASONS WE URGE YOU TO INVESTIGATE AND
14 EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO FUND SOLUTIONS PERMANENTLY, TO SOLVE
15 THE HOMELESS CRISIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **DAN PARZIALE:** MY NAME IS DAN PARZIALE I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
20 HOUSING SERVICES AT L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. I JUST RETURNED FROM
21 A CONFERENCE PUT ON BY THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END
22 HOMELESSNESS. AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE COUNTRY IS LOOKING TO
23 L.A. AS A LEADER IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND UTILIZING NEW
24 STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS. IT'S CLEAR THAT WITH WHAT
25 WE'RE DOING HERE, WE'RE INSPIRING OTHER COMMUNITIES TO INVEST

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1 MORE TO DO THE SAME. IN L.A., WE'RE NOT ONLY EMPLOYING CUTTING
2 EDGE STRATEGIES TO FUNCTIONALLY END HOMELESSNESS, BUT WE ARE
3 DRAWING UPON SIGNIFICANT DATA TO NIMBLY SHIFT THE WAY WE DO
4 OUR WORK TO BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE. AS A SERVICE PROVIDER ON
5 THE GROUND, HAVING THE STABILITY AFFORDED BY THIS FUNDING WILL
6 ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THAT SAME STABILITY FOR OUR HOMELESS
7 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR ALL
8 YOUR PAST SUPPORT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I LOOK
9 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU GUYS MOVING FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A SPEAKER FROM
12 LANCASTER, WILLIAM FILION

13

14 **WILLIAM FILION:** --OVERSEER OF HOUSE OF SHALOM. 25 YEARS AGO,
15 WE HAD A HOMELESS SHELTER IN LANCASTER. LANCASTER SHUT IT
16 DOWN. 75 PEOPLE WERE PUT ON THE STREET. ANTONOVICH OFFERED TO
17 BUILD US A SHELTER DOWN THE STREET FROM LANCASTER'S. WE
18 DECLINED HIS OFFER. HOMES WERE DONATED TO US, SIX HOMES. AND
19 WE HOUSED 25 TO 30 HOMELESS PEOPLE. THE COUNTY DID ILLEGAL TAX
20 SALE ON ONE HOME. THE COUNTY RECEIVED \$100,000 IN THE YEAR
21 2010. \$30,000 PROPERTY TAX WAS OWED. TO THIS DAY, WE HAVE
22 RECEIVED NO REFUND. THE COUNTY IS HOLDING ILLEGALLY \$70,000.
23 THE TAX OFFICE SAYS IT IS IN REVIEW. HOUSE OF SHALOM IS A 501
24 (C) 3 CHURCH. IN THE 1960S, AN ATHEIST WAS GRANTED TAX
25 EXEMPTION BECAUSE HE CLAIMED CHURCH SERVICE IN HIS HOME, YET

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1 WE ARE DECLINED TAX EXEMPTION BY THE COUNTY. WE RESPECTFULLY
2 PRESENT THIS MATTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SIR, WE'LL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE REVIEW
5 THAT. THEY'LL CONTACT YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE RUTH
8 SARNOFF, ERIC PREVEN, AND WAYNE FROM ENCINO. GO AHEAD, RUTH.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO BRING ATTENTION TO ALL
11 THE PUBLICLY FINANCED AND IN SOME CASES LIKE THE ZOO PUBLICLY
12 OWNED INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS AND THE ANIMALS AND THE LAND AND
13 EVERYTHING, AND WHAT I THINK ARE EXORBITANT COSTS FOR DOING
14 ALMOST ANYTHING NOW IN OUR CITY. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT
15 HOMELESS PEOPLE JUST CANNOT DO AND CANNOT BE PART OF. I THINK
16 WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS A NATIONAL ACT, A NATIONAL THING LIKE
17 WE HAVE THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. WE NEED SOMETHING
18 FOR AMERICANS WITHOUT SHELTER ACT. A NATIONAL ACT THAT GIVES
19 US SOME KIND OF HUMAN RIGHT AND SOME KIND OF GUIDELINES. AS
20 LONG AS WE TRY TO HIDE THE HOMELESS FROM THE TOURISTS AND KEEP
21 PEOPLE KIND OF SEQUESTERED, IT'S KIND OF LIKE APARTHEID. AND
22 THE FACT THAT SKID ROW AND DOWNTOWN WHERE THE POOREST PEOPLE
23 ARE MOSTLY BLACK AND BROWN, IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT OUR
24 SOCIETY AND THE WHITE SOCIETY THAT MOVES AROUND.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

4 AND I APPRECIATE THE INSTINCT TO LOOK AT A TIMELINE TO RAISE

5 TAXES TO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESS CRISIS. OF COURSE I'VE BEEN AN

6 ADVOCATE FOR DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS CRISIS, BUT I

7 THINK THAT THERE ARE AREAS THAT WE CAN LOOK IN ADVANCE OF

8 DOING THAT IN ANY MEANINGFUL-- WE SHOULD NOT BE RAISING TAXES.

9 WE SHOULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE, RE-EVALUATING THE 2 PLUS BILLION

10 DOLLAR JAIL WITH BOND COST. THAT IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF

11 MONEY THAT IS IN FACT EARMARKED FOR HOUSING THE HOMELESS BUT

12 THAT IS INSUPPORTABLE RATE, A HIGH, HIGH RATE. NOTHING

13 COMPARED TO THE PROBATION NUMBER OF \$233,000 TO HOUSE A YOUTH

14 PROBATION KID, WHICH IS COMPLETELY ASTONISHING IN LIGHT OF

15 \$86,000 IN HOUSTON. THAT'S AN EXAMPLE IF WE WILL REDUCE THAT

16 SUBSTANTIALLY. YOU PROBABLY KNOW PROBATION HAS 6500 EMPLOYEES

17 AND A HUGE HUGE \$700 MILLION OR MORE OR LESS BUDGET. BUT THIS

18 IS NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH. THE APPROACH IS TO FIND SAVINGS IN

19 THE BULKY PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE WE CAN MAKE SAVINGS

20 INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF

21 SENIOR GUYS MAKING A FORTUNE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU. WE ALSO

24 HAVE ARNOLD SACHS WHO ASKED TO SPEAK SO WE'LL BRING HIM UP.

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. HE'S COMING. SO THANK YOU TO MIKE
2 ANTONOVICH ON THE AMENDMENT. LET'S FIND WAYS TO USE THE
3 RESOURCES WE ALREADY HAVE. IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THE
4 PROPERTIES GET TAXED WELL OVER 1 PERCENT. 1.34, 1.33 PERCENT
5 WHEN THE VOTERS VOTED FOR A 1 PERCENT TAX. PROPERTY OWNERS
6 ALREADY ARE BEING CRUSHED. THERE'S ALREADY TAX BILLS COMING
7 AROUND. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE NEW TAXES. AND THE BEST THING
8 YOU SHOULD DO IS GO TO THE PEOPLE WHO PRINT THE MONEY. THE
9 CHAIR OF THIS PANEL WORKED FOR THE PRESIDENT IN HIS CABINET.
10 YOU COULD GO TO OBAMA AND GET THE MONEY. THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE
11 TO START DOING.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON SUBJECT, SIR.

14

15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** GO TO WASHINGTON AND GET THE MONEY FROM
16 WASHINGTON. WE GIVE ENOUGH IN OUR TAXES. GET THAT MONEY BACK
17 IN HERE. GO TO WASHINGTON AND GET THIS MONEY AND STOP TAKING
18 IT OUT OF ALL OF OUR HIDES.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
21 SACHS. CUTTING EDGE STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS. THE COUNTY
22 IS INVOKING THEM? ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WAIT. NEWSPAPERS SAY
23 L.A. IS THE HOMELESS CAPITAL OF AMERICA. MIGUEL SANTANA, THEY
24 QUOTED HIM IN THE NEWSPAPER STORY SAYING THE CITY HAS NO
25 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR \$20 MILLION FOR HOMES

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1 TO BUILD HOMES FOR LOW INCOME HOMES FOR FIVE YEARS. HOW'S THAT
2 WORKING OUT? YOU HAD ANOTHER PLAN \$75 MILLION, \$15 MILLION A
3 YEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. HOW'S THAT
4 WORKING OUT? SOMEBODY MENTIONED A SALES TAX FOR METRO? THEY
5 COULD HAVE ANOTHER SALES TAX? WELL THE LAST ONE MADE \$40
6 BILLION. THE NEW ONE WILL HAVE TO MAKE AT LEAST \$40 BILLION.
7 THAT'S FOUR SALES TAX MAKING \$40 BILLION EACH. THAT'S ENOUGH
8 MONEY TO DO SOMETHING, YA THINK? PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
9 THAT'S THE CRUTCH. YOU HAVE MONEY FOR CLASSIFICATION STUDIES
10 WITH COUNTY PERSONNEL BUT YOU CAN'T GET MONEY FOR THIS. \$20
11 MILLION--

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW ABOUT COUNTY LANDFILL MATH 12 TIMES 6?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE AGENDA, MADAME CHAIR, AS
20 AMENDED.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED WITH SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT AND ALSO SOLIS AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. NOW WE'LL RETURN TO OUR
4 ITEM R-1. A.B.109 UPDATE. NO MORE HORSING AROUND.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION BY
7 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. OUR INTERIM CHIEF. MR. REMINGTON. GOOD
8 AFTERNOON.

9

10 **CAL REMINGTON:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MISS HAMAI,
11 CAL REMINGTON, PROBATION. MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
12 I'M GOING TO TRY TO CONDENSE THIS PRESENTATION A LITTLE BIT
13 TODAY AND PERHAPS SUMMARIZE SOME OF IT. SO IF THERE'S ANY
14 QUESTION ABOUT DETAIL THAT I DON'T MENTION, PLEASE ASK. SO
15 WITH THE FIRST SLIDE, LET ME MENTION JUST QUICKLY THAT AS YOU
16 CAN SEE OUR GRAND TOTAL, AND THIS GOES BACK A FEW MONTHS, IS A
17 LITTLE OVER 32,000 PEOPLE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE ACTIVE
18 CASES, A LITTLE OVER 7,000. WE'RE AT A POINT NOW WHERE THAT
19 HAS PRETTY MUCH STABILIZED. THE POPULATION AT THE END OF
20 SEPTEMBER WAS 7,343. AS OF THE END OF JANUARY, IT WAS 7,340,
21 SO ONLY 3 DIFFERENT. SO THE POPULATION HAS PRETTY MUCH
22 STABILIZED. QUICKLY GOING TO THE NEXT SLIDE, MR. BINGHAM. THE
23 SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION, A LITTLE OVER 60 PERCENT, THAT HAS
24 BEEN FAIRLY CONSISTENT OVER THE LAST YEAR, AS WELL CRIMINAL
25 CONVICTIONS AND OTHER TERMINATIONS. PROP 47, AS YOU KNOW DID,

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1 HAVE AN IMPACT ON THIS POPULATION. NEXT. WE LOOK AT THE
2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES, WE'LL START WITH THE PRE-RELEASE CENTER.
3 AND THE GOAL WAS TO ENSURE THAT 95 PERCENT OF THE CASES THAT
4 ARE IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLY REQUIRING THOSE SERVICES, MENTAL
5 HEALTH, MEDICAL, UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM C.D.C.R., UPON THEIR
6 RELEASE FROM PRISON, THAT WE PROVIDE REFERRALS ON ALL THOSE
7 CASES WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. AND OUR EVALUATION INDICATES
8 THAT HAPPENING. WE NEED TO WORK MORE WITH OUR ALLIED AGENCIES,
9 BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU THAT 100 PERCENT WERE GIVEN REFERRALS.
10 I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY SHOWED UP AND OF THOSE HOW MANY OF
11 THOSE SUCCEEDED, BUT THAT'S SOMETHING, MADAME CHAIR, WE ARE
12 WORKING ON. PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS IT RELATES TO THE HUB, I
13 THINK YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT ALL COMING OUT OF PRISON REPORT TO
14 ONE OF WHAT WE CALL CENTERS OR HUBS. AND IN ADDITION, WE WANT
15 TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF SPLIT SENTENCE
16 SUPERVISED PERSONS IN THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY, THESE ARE
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT AND BACK IN CUSTODY AND I THINK
18 THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE ARE CONTACTING THOSE INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE
19 TRYING TO PROVIDE PRE-RELEASE AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES. AND AGAIN
20 I THINK WHAT WE'RE MEETING OUR GOALS. BUT THIS IS A BIGGER
21 POPULATION. I WANTED TO MENTION I'D LIKE THAT THE D.H.S. WILL
22 BE TAKING OVER THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH PART OF THE PROCESS IN
23 THE JAIL. DR. GHALY TOLD ME, HE TOLD ME, DON'T CALL IT
24 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH BUT ESSENTIALLY THOSE INTEGRATED SERVICES
25 WITHIN THE JAIL. AND I THINK THERE'S JUST TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL

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1 FOR ALL OF US TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. SO I'M
2 LOOKING FORWARD TO INCREASING PERFORMANCE IN THAT AREA. DIRECT
3 SUPERVISION, I MENTION THIS BECAUSE INITIALLY WE WERE ABLE TO-
4 - THE ASSESSMENTS WERE ALL COMPLETED IN THE HUBS AT THE TIME
5 OF RELEASE. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT ON A REGULAR BASIS TO RE-ASSESS
6 INDIVIDUALS. AND SO THIS REALLY RELATES TO THE DIRECT
7 SUPERVISION AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOW STARTING TO DO THOSE
8 REASSESSMENTS IN THE FIELD. OUR INITIAL GOAL WAS 400 PER
9 MONTH. THERE'S POTENTIAL TO GET BEYOND THAT. SO THE CONTINUED
10 ASSESSMENTS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO
11 THAT COMPLETELY IN THE PAST BUT WE'RE MOVING TOWARD BEING ABLE
12 TO DO THAT, SO THAT'S REAL IMPORTANT. THE NEXT, INCREASE THE
13 NUMBER OF CASE MANAGEMENT PLANS COMPLETED. I ONLY WANT TO
14 MENTION THAT BECAUSE THAT FOLLOWS THE ASSESSMENT. SO INITIALLY
15 OUT OF THE HUB, THERE'S A CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN BUT PEOPLE'S
16 LIVES CHANGE AND THAT SORT OF THING, SO THERE NEEDS TO BE THE
17 REINVESTMENT. SO NOW THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO MORE OF THE
18 ASSESSMENTS IN THE FIELD, WE'RE ABLE TO DO BETTER CASE
19 MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE FIELD. THE NEXT ONE HAS TO DO WITH
20 EMPLOYMENT STATUS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON OUR HANDOUT AT THIS
21 POINT ABOUT 48 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO THE
22 PROGRAM HAVE OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT. WE DON'T SEE THAT AS
23 SATISFACTORY. WE'RE MAKING-- WE'RE WORKING WITH THE CONTRACTOR
24 TO BOTH MODIFY AND EXPAND THAT CONTRACT. AND WE EXPECT THAT
25 THAT WILL RESULT IN MORE SERVICES AND MORE EMPLOYMENT. THE

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1 NEXT ONE, ENSURE THAT SUPERVISED PEOPLE RELEASED FROM C.D.C.R.
2 CUSTODY WHO REPORT THEY ARE HOMELESS OR TRANSIENT HAVE A
3 HOUSING REFERRAL UPON RELEASE OF CUSTODY. I WANTED TO MENTION
4 THIS BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE DOING SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD WILL
5 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE. IT'S NOT AGAINST THE TERMS AND
6 CONDITIONS OF PROBATION TO BE HOMELESS, BUT CERTAINLY,
7 HOMELESS OR NOT, YOU HAVE TO REPORT. WE REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE
8 TO CONTACT YOU REGULARLY. SO TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO
9 THAT, MANY OF OUR HOMELESS, A LARGE PART OF OUR HOMELESS TEND
10 TO RESIDE IN SKID ROW. SO TWICE A MONTH WE BRING WHAT WE CALL
11 MOBILE SUPPORT VAN TO SKID ROW AND WE SET THAT UP LIKE A
12 PROBATION OFFICE. SO INDIVIDUALS CAN REPORT IN, WE CAN
13 PROVIDE, WE CAN DO ASSESSMENTS, WE CAN PROVIDE SERVICES TO
14 THEM, WE CAN PROVIDE REFERRALS TO THEM. BUT I THINK THIS WAS A
15 CREATIVE WAY ON PROBATION STAFF TO MEET THIS NEED OF BEING
16 ABLE TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH OUR HOMELESS CLIENTS. LASTLY, WE
17 HAVE-- THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS GOING TO NEED MORE ATTENTION
18 AND SOMETHING THAT WE'LL ALSO BE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS ON.
19 WE HAVE WHAT'S CALLED NOW BACK ON TRACK L.A. AND IT ALLOWS US
20 TO PROVIDE-- IF SOMEONE COMES OUT OF CUSTODY AND THEY'RE IN
21 NEED OF HOUSING AND WE'RE ABLE TO ASSIST THEM WITH THAT
22 HOUSING, AND MAYBE FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD, A 12 MONTH PERIOD.
23 IF THEIR SUPERVISION TERMINATES DURING THAT PERIOD AND
24 OFFICIALLY THEY'RE NO LONGER A 109 CASE, THIS PROGRAM HELPS US
25 ALLOW THAT PERSON TO CONTINUE IN THAT HOUSING. OR IF IT'S WITH

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1 BUS TOKENS, EMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENT, WHATEVER, WE DON'T WANT TO
2 DROP THESE FOLKS. AND SO I THINK THIS MAKES A WHOLE LOT OF
3 SENSE. THE OTHER THING THAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IS, I THINK
4 IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE ALL THIS MOVEMENT REALLY IS MOVING TOWARD
5 INCREASING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, NOT ONLY THOSE ON
6 PROBATION BUT ALL THOSE COMING OUT OF JAIL. SO MANY PEOPLE
7 COME OUT OF JAIL NOW WITHOUT SUPERVISION. ANY ASSISTANCE THAT
8 WE WOULD OFFER OR THE ASSISTANCE THE COUNTY WOULD OFFER WOULD
9 HAVE TO BE VOLUNTARY. BUT THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT I
10 THINK WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. SO I THINK WE'RE STARTING
11 TO MOVE TOWARD A SYSTEM WHERE THE COUNTY IS BETTER OFF ABLE TO
12 OFFER SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE SYSTEM, THOSE COMING OUT OF
13 CUSTODY. THE NEW OFFICE OF DIVERSION WILL PLAY A REALLY
14 IMPORTANT PART IN THAT. AND SO I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
15 THAT. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ROBIN.

16

17 **DR. ROBIN KAYE:** THANK YOU. DR. ROBIN KAYE. I'M ACTING DIRECTOR
18 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND THIS MORNING WHAT I'D
19 LIKE TO DO IS GIVE YOU VERY BRIEFLY A SNAPSHOT OF THREE
20 ISSUES, THE NUMBER OF A.B.109 CLIENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 MENTAL HEALTH IS SEEING, OUR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND TRAINING
22 EFFORTS FOR THE PROVIDERS THAT ARE DELIVERING THE SERVICES,
23 AND A BRIEF MENTION OF SOME OF THE NEW PROGRAMS OR PROGRAM
24 EXPANSION. AND THEN, FINALLY, A MENTION OF SOME OF THESE
25 PRELIMINARY OUTCOMES FOR THE PROP 47 CLIENTS WHO ARE ENTERING

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1 OUR SYSTEM. SO YEAR TO DATE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS
2 FISCAL YEAR, D.M.H. SERVED 2,837 UNIQUE A.B.109 CLIENTS. THAT
3 REPRESENTS TREATMENT AT ALL LEVELS OF CARE, FROM OUTPATIENT
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, STATE
5 HOSPITAL TREATMENT AND ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC UNITS. WE HAVE
6 FOCUSED QUITE A BIT THIS YEAR ON QUALITY ASSURANCE. WE'RE
7 CONDUCTING REVIEWS OF ALL OF OUR A.B.109 MENTAL HEALTH
8 CONTRACT PROVIDERS THIS YEAR. AND WE'VE DONE A NUMBER OF THEM,
9 SIX CONTRACT MONITORING VISITS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER. BY
10 THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, OUR PLAN IS TO COMPLETE REVIEWS
11 FOR PROVIDERS AT 22 LOCATIONS AND TO INTERVIEW 123 A.B.109
12 CLIENTS REGARDING THE QUALITY AND EXTENT OF THE SERVICES THAT
13 THEY'RE RECEIVING. THAT'S NEW FOR US. WE THINK THAT THEY HAVE
14 QUITE A GOOD DEAL TO TELL US ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE
15 RECEIVING AND HELP US WITH THOSE CONTINUED QUALITY ASSURANCE
16 EFFORTS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ONE OF THE INITIATIVES THAT
17 IS IMPORTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS PART OF OUR QUALITY
18 ASSURANCE, IS TO CONTINUOUSLY TRAIN THE PROVIDERS THAT ARE
19 WORKING WITH THIS VERY SPECIALIZED POPULATION. TO THAT END, WE
20 HAVE A NUMBER OF TRAININGS AMBITIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS
21 YEAR. WE'VE COMPLETED THE FIRST ONE ON CRITICAL TIME
22 INTERVENTION IN SEPTEMBER. AND THAT C.T.I. TRAINING PROVIDES
23 CLINICIANS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT PEOPLE MOVING
24 FROM INCARCERATION INTO HOUSING AND INTO MENTAL HEALTH
25 SERVICES. DURING THE REST OF THE YEAR, YOU HAVE GOT THE LIST

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1 OF PROGRAMS THAT WE'LL BE OFFERING. I WANT TO CALL YOUR
2 ATTENTION TO THE BOTTOM OF BULLET WHICH IS MORAL RECONATION
3 THERAPY. THIS IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE. IT'S MANUALIZED.
4 IT HELPS CLIENTS WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF CRIMINOGENIC BEHAVIOR,
5 RECOGNIZE THE TRIGGERS AND IRRATIONAL THOUGHTS, THOSE THAT
6 HAVE LED THEM INTO DIFFICULTY IN THE PAST AND ASSIST THEM WITH
7 INTERRUPTING THESE PATTERNS THAT RESULT IN RECIDIVISM. WE'VE
8 DONE IT QUITE A NUMBER OF TIMES, THE TRAINING. IT IS VERY
9 EFFECTIVE AND VERY SUCCESSFUL. AND THEN THE RISK NEEDS AND
10 RESPONSIVITY MODEL, A LITTLE BIT ABOVE THAT IS ONE OF THE
11 BUREAU OF JUSTICE BEST PRACTICES AND WE'LL BE TRAINING
12 PROVIDERS THIS YEAR IN THAT PRACTICE. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF
13 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE EITHER BEEN INITIATED OR EXPANDED THIS
14 YEAR. THE FIRST ONE IS ONE THAT I WON'T GO OVER IN ANY DETAIL.
15 THAT'S THE NORMANDY VILLAGE PROGRAM. IT'S AN ENHANCED
16 RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM THAT WE'VE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE STARTED ENROLLING CLIENTS INTO
18 THAT PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 1ST. AND SO AT THE NEXT REPORT, WE'LL
19 HAVE SOME OUTCOMES FOR THAT PROGRAM. WE'VE ALSO EXPANDED THE
20 CO-OCCURRING INTEGRATED NETWORK PROGRAM AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
21 REHABILITATION CENTER IN COLLABORATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH.
22 WE'RE ACCEPTING REFERRALS BOTH FROM COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
23 PROVIDERS AS WELL AS THE REVOCATION COURT. AND THAT CONTINUES
24 TO EXPAND. AND THEN WE CONTINUE TO DELIVER RE-ENTRY AND
25 LINKAGE, RE-ENTRY PLANNING SERVICES AND GROUPS IN THE JAIL

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1 WEEKLY. AND SO THOSE ARE CONDUCTED BY OUR D.M.H. JAIL MENTAL
2 HEALTH LINKAGE STAFF, AND ALONG WITH OUR CONTRACT PROVIDER
3 STAFF. AND BY PUTTING THOSE TWO PROVIDERS, BOTH THE D.M.H.
4 STAFF LOCATED IN THE JAIL WITH THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS,
5 IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT WE DO A VERY GOOD
6 JOB OF TRANSITIONING THOSE A.B.109 CLIENTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED
7 CARE. NEW INFORMATION FOR YOU DURING THIS REPORT ARE THE
8 NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF A.B.109 CLIENTS WHO WERE TERMINATED
9 DUE TO PROP 47 AND CHOSE TO CONTINUE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
10 SERVICES. AND I HAVE TWO YEARS' WORTH OF DATA FOR '14/'15, 282
11 CLIENTS WERE TERMINATED DUE TO PROP 47. THOSE WHO RECEIVED AT
12 LEAST ONE EPISODE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, 111, OR 39
13 PERCENT OF THAT POPULATION. WHEN CLIENTS RECEIVE ONE SERVICE
14 IN THE COMMUNITY AFTER THEY'VE BEEN TERMINATED, WE PRETTY MUCH
15 CONCLUDE THAT THAT SERVICE IS AN URGENT CARE TYPE OF SERVICE.
16 BUT WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF CLIENTS WHO CONTINUE WITH ONGOING
17 TREATMENTS. AND SO 27 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO TERMINATED UNDER
18 PROP 47 HAD THEIR CHARGES REDUCED DID CONTINUE WITH MENTAL
19 HEALTH TREATMENT WHEN THEY WERE DOING SO VOLUNTARILY. IN THIS
20 FISCAL YEAR, THE NUMBERS ARE A LITTLE BIT LOWER. OBVIOUSLY THE
21 YEAR'S NOT CONCLUDED. SO WE HAD 135 INDIVIDUALS WHOSE
22 SENTENCES WERE REDUCED. OF THOSE 30 PERCENT RECEIVED AT LEAST
23 ONE EPISODE OF VOLUNTARY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND 20
24 PERCENT HAVE CONTINUED IN ONGOING TREATMENT, NOT MANDATORY

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1 TREATMENT. SO I WILL TURN THE MICROPHONE OVER TO WES FORD FROM
2 PUBLIC HEALTH

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4 **WESLEY FORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WESLEY FORD AND I'M
5 HERE ON BEHALF OF CYNTHIA HARDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
6 HEALTH. NEXT SLIDE. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1ST
7 AND SEPTEMBER 30TH, WE HAD 423 ADMISSIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE.
8 THIS ISN'T NECESSARILY UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS. SOMEONE MAY HAVE
9 COME IN FOR, LET'S SAY, INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT COUNSELING AND
10 THEY MAY HAVE COME IN FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE. SO THE EPISODES
11 REFLECT HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS CAME IN WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN
12 TREATMENT MODALITY. AND OF THOSE, 385 WERE DISCHARGED. NEXT
13 SLIDE. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT HERE
14 IS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME IN AT ADMISSION. THE NUMBER OF
15 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE HOMELESS BY THE TIME THEY LEFT WAS
16 REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT. I'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT
17 MORE ABOUT THIS GOING FORWARD AS WE TALK ABOUT THE CONTINUUM
18 OF CARE FOR SUBSTANCE USE AND THE NEED FOR HOUSING AND PEOPLE
19 ARE DISCHARGED OUT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, PARTICULARLY
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS. BUT AGAIN WE DID SEE A POSITIVE
21 EFFECT ON INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT HOMELESS AT THE END OF--
22 AND THESE INDIVIDUALS REPORTED, JUST TO GIVE A TIMEFRAME, THEY
23 WERE HOMELESS 30 DAYS BEFORE ADMISSION AND THEN AT THE POINT
24 OF DISCHARGE IT WAS DOWN TO 27.4 PERCENT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
25 SO THIS SLIDE, WHICH I THINK IS IMPORTANT, IT SHOWS THE IMPACT

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1 OF TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE
2 TREATMENT. OF THOSE CLIENTS THAT CAME IN FOR TREATMENT, 64--
3 THERE'S A 64 PERCENT REDUCTION IN HOSPITALIZATION. SO AGAIN
4 THE TIME PERIOD HERE IS 30 DAYS PRIOR TO COMING INTO
5 TREATMENT, INDIVIDUALS, 4.2 PERCENT OF THOSE 385 HAD
6 HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND ONCE COMING INTO TREATMENT, THAT WENT
7 DOWN TO 1.5, WHICH REPRESENTED A 64 PERCENT DROP. FOR
8 EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS IN THE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO COMING INTO
9 TREATMENT, 6.8 PERCENT HAD MADE AN EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT, WHICH
10 DROPPED TO 3.8, WHICH WAS-- REPRESENTS A 44 PERCENT DROP. AND
11 THEN THOSE REPORTING SOME TYPE OF PHYSICAL HEALTH PROBLEM AT
12 ADMISSION, 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ADMISSION WAS AT 9.6 AND DROPPED
13 TO 5.9 WHICH REPRESENTS A 38 PERCENT DROP. ONE OF THE THINGS
14 THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD
15 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE FULL CONTINUUM OF
16 CARE. AND I THINK WE SEE THAT SERIOUS-- SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS
17 SERIOUS IMPACT ON HEALTH, AND IT'S ALSO A MAJOR DRIVER OF THE
18 HEALTHCARE COSTS. SO, AGAIN, JUST TO-- AND I THINK I'VE
19 POINTED THIS OUT BEFORE, BUT SUBSTANCE USE, MISUSE AND ABUSE
20 COSTS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AT A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE, ABOUT
21 \$13 BILLION WHEN YOU ACCOUNT FOR TANGIBLE COSTS, SUCH AS
22 PROPERTY DAMAGE, MEDICAL COSTS AND OTHER KINDS OF COSTS. AND
23 THAT GOES UP TO APPROXIMATELY \$40 BILLION WHEN YOU TAKE IN
24 MEASURES THAT INVOLVE QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURES, AS WELL. SO
25 IT'S CLEAR THAT POSITIVE TREATMENT OUTCOMES SHOW THAT S.U.D.

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1 TREATMENT CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT-- HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON
2 THE HEALTHCARE COSTS AS WELL AS OUTCOMES. AND IN THIS I JUST
3 WANTED TO SAY BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD, AS WE'RE DOING CASE
4 MANAGEMENT AND LOOKING AT HOW TO DO CASE MANAGEMENT
5 SUBSTITUTES, ALONG THE WHOLE CONTINUUM OF CARE WE SEE HOUSING
6 BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE COME INTO SUBSTANCE ABUSE REALLY AT
7 THE END STAGE. WE THINK OF IT AS DISEASE WHERE THEY'RE VERY--
8 AT THE END STAGE OF DISEASE, THEY'RE NOT AT THE BEGINNING OF
9 BECOMING ADDICTED. THEY'RE KIND OF VERY MUCH INTO THEIR
10 ADDICTION. AND SO MANY OF THEM ARE HOMELESS. AND IF THEY'RE
11 COMING OUT OF JAIL, MANY OF THEM ARE HOMELESS. SO WE REALLY
12 THINK THAT HOUSING, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT PART OF THE TREATMENT,
13 WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE WORKED IT INTO THE TREATMENT PLAN
14 TO LOOK AT ALL THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES OF HOW DO WE GET THEM
15 EMPLOYMENT READY WHILE THEY'RE IN TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE,
16 TRYING TO GET THEM LINKED INTO HOUSING, WHICH GOES BACK TO THE
17 SLIDE THAT WE LOOKED AT EARLIER, BUT THAT HOUSING NEEDS TO BE
18 AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT CONTINUUM OF CARE BECAUSE, AGAIN,
19 WHILE WE HAVE THESE GREAT OUTCOMES, IF WE RELEASE PEOPLE BACK
20 ONTO THE STREET AFTER TREATING THEM FOR THEIR SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
21 IT DOESN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE AND I THINK WE CAN ALL
22 AGREE ON THAT. FINALLY, IN TERMS OF JUST PROGRAM UPDATES, I
23 WANTED TO MENTION PROJECT START, WHICH IS THE SUBSTANCE
24 TREATMENT REENTRY TRANSITION PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING
25 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH

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1 REFLECTS-- WHAT THIS IS, IT'S WOMEN WHO SERVE-- THEY BEGIN
2 TREATMENT WHILE THEY ARE IN CUSTODY. AND THEN THEY ARE ABLE TO
3 SPEND THE LAST 90 DAYS OF THEIR CUSTODY IN THE COMMUNITY IN
4 TREATMENT. AND SINCE JUNE 1ST OF 2015 UNTIL PRESENT, WE'VE HAD
5 66 INMATES IN TOTAL THAT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM,
6 THAT HAVE COME OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AS PART OF THE PROGRAM.
7 28 OF THEM HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM. AND 31
8 REMAIN IN TREATMENT. AND WE'VE ONLY HAD 7 THAT HAD TO ACTUALLY
9 RETURN TO CUSTODY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR
10 COMMITMENT WITH RESPECT TO TREATMENT. JUST BACK TO THAT SLIDE
11 FOR ONE MORE SECOND. EXPANDED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. I JUST
12 WANTED TO MENTION THAT WE COMPLETED A MASTER WORK ORDER
13 AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE FULL CONTINUUM OF S.U.D. TREATMENT
14 WITH CONTRACTED PROVIDERS. SO THAT WE'VE ADDED A NUMBER OF
15 MODALITIES OF TREATMENT AND A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS THAT ARE
16 ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE A.B.109 POPULATION WITH THE
17 FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHICH I SORT OF ALLUDED TO. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH.

19

20 **MARK GHALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MARK GHALY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SO D.H.S. ESSENTIALLY
22 PARTICIPATES IN THE A.B.109 PROGRAM IN THREE WAYS. FIRST BY
23 PROVIDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO A.B.109 INMATES IN THE JAIL.
24 AND SIMILAR TO HOW WE'VE PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO ALL
25 IN CUSTODY IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. WE PROVIDE THE SPECIALTY CARE

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1 HISTORICALLY AS WELL AS EMERGENCY CARE AND CARE WHEN PEOPLE
2 NEED ADMISSION. AND THE SLIDE IN FRONT OF YOU BEGINS TO
3 SUMMARIZE ESSENTIALLY SOME OF THE COMPONENTS OF SPECIALTY CARE
4 AND INPATIENT CARE THAT WE PROVIDED SPECIFICALLY TO THE N3S IN
5 CUSTODY. WE HAVE BEEN STRATEGIC ABOUT HOW WE UTILIZE THE
6 SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS TO SERVE THE N3S. WE'VE
7 LEVERAGED THE E-CONSULT SYSTEM IN THE JAIL VERY EFFECTIVELY.
8 IT'S ROLLED OUT TO ALL SPECIALTIES. SO INSTEAD OF IN THE PAST
9 WHERE PATIENTS FROM THE JAIL WOULD JUST COME AND BE PUT ON A
10 PAPER/PENCIL LIST TO COME TO THE JAIL CLINIC AT LAC+USC, WE
11 NOW HAVE E-CONSULT AS THAT FIRST LINE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
12 PATIENTS A, NEED TO COME, B, COME IN A TIMELY WAY, AND, C, SEE
13 THE PROVIDER THAT THEY NEED TO SEE WHEN THEY DO COME. SO ALL
14 OF THAT IS TRACKING NICELY. AND A.B.109 HAS BEEN THE IMPETUS
15 TO DRIVE US TOWARDS USING E-CONSULT IN A MORE SOPHISTICATED
16 SCHEDULING SYSTEM TO PROVIDE THAT CARE TO THE FOLKS IN THE
17 JAIL. AND YOU CAN SEE THE NUMBERS IN FRONT OF YOU OF THOSE
18 WHO'VE NEEDED INPATIENT ADMISSIONS, THE LENGTH OF STAY AS WELL
19 AS THE NUMBER OF SPECIALTY CARE VISITS AND THE TIME TO--
20 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR THOSE APPOINTMENTS. WE'VE ALSO, AS PART
21 OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF ON THIS EFFORT, HAVE
22 WORKED HARD IN THE LAST QUARTER TO CREATE A SYSTEM TO GET
23 PEOPLE BACK TO JAIL AS SOON AS THEIR TREATMENT COURSE IS
24 COMPLETED. IN THE PAST, WE WOULD HAVE PATIENTS LINGER IN THE
25 HOSPITAL LONGER THAN THEY NEEDED TO BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE

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1 CONTROL OVER THE RECOVERY BEDS OR THE STEP-DOWN BEDS IN JAIL.
2 AND TODAY WE'RE WORKING MUCH MORE CLOSELY. AND YOU WILL SEE
3 THAT LENGTH OF STAY HAS DROPPED SOME OVER THE PAST TWO
4 QUARTERS SINCE WE'VE BEGUN THIS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE OTHER
5 COMPONENT OF D.H.S. WITH A.B.109 IS WORKING ON THE STATE
6 PRISON RELEASES, THE P.R.C.S.'S. ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS AGO, WE
7 IMPLEMENTED SOMETHING NO OTHER COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA HAS DONE,
8 WORKING WITH C.D.C.R., WE WERE ABLE TO ACTUALLY HAVE THEM
9 ALERT US. WE HAVE A NURSE AND A SOCIAL WORKER AT THE PRE-
10 RELEASE CENTER AND C.D.C.R. ALERTS US WHEN SOMEBODY WITH
11 COMPLEX MEDICAL CONDITIONS IS COMING OUT AND ARRIVING TO THE
12 COUNTY SO THAT WE CAN REVIEW THEIR RECORDS, PREPARE FOR THEIR
13 COMING, MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET THE MEDICATIONS THEY NEED, AND
14 IN THE CASE OF THEY NEED OTHER SPECIALIZED SERVICES, WE'RE
15 ABLE TO PLAN FOR THAT AHEAD OF TIME. AND WE CONTINUE TO REVIEW
16 THE PRE-RELEASE PACKETS AS WELL AS MAKE SURE SOME OF THOSE
17 COMMUNITY LINKAGES ARE MADE SUCCESSFULLY. AND I THINK IT'S
18 BEEN A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH C.D.C.R. WE COULD ALWAYS DO
19 MORE AND GET MORE INFORMATION BUT FOR TODAY I THINK WE'VE DONE
20 A FAIRLY GOOD JOB, UNLIKE SOME OTHER COUNTIES WHO WOULD LIKE
21 TO ALSO HAVE THAT SAME INFORMATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS
22 IS THE SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES THAT
23 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THOSE COMING OUT OF THE PRISON
24 SYSTEM. AND EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT WE'VE BEEN
25 ABLE TO ARRANGE. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT OCCASIONALLY MYSELF

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1 OR OTHER PHYSICIANS ON OUR TEAM WILL GET INVOLVED IN
2 DEVELOPING THAT CARE PLAN, MAKING SURE THAT THINGS LIKE
3 DIALYSIS OR THAT NEUROLOGY APPOINTMENT ARE SET UP IMMEDIATELY
4 SO WE CAN AVOID THAT EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT OR INPATIENT
5 ADMISSION FOR REASONS SUCH AS WE RAN OUT OF OUR MEDICATION OR
6 WE DIDN'T GET THE SPECIALTY APPOINTMENT THAT WE NEEDED IN
7 TIME. SO THAT 30 TO 60-DAY PERIOD THAT WE HAVE TO PLAN THAT
8 CARE IS BENEFICIAL BOTH FOR THE PERSON COMING OUT AS WELL AS
9 FOR THE SYSTEM THAT WE'RE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING. NEXT SLIDE,
10 PLEASE WE'VE ALSO BEEN-- AND THIS WAS RECOGNIZED EARLY ON IN
11 OUR PARTNERSHIP AROUND P.R.C.S.-- RETURNEES THAT MANY NEEDED
12 SPECIALIZED HOUSING, BOARDING CARE OR SOMETHING THAT OTHERWISE
13 WAS NOT COVERED BY MEDI-CAL OR ANOTHER PAYMENT SOURCE. AND
14 WE'VE STRUGGLED IN THIS PART OF OUR PARTNERSHIP, BUT I DO
15 THINK WE ARE FINALLY AT A PLACE WHERE WE RECOGNIZE IT'S NOT
16 JUST THE BOARDING CARE EXPENSE THAT WE MAY NEED TO USE AB.109
17 FUNDING TO SUPPORT BUT THAT A.B.109, I'M SORRY-- THAT BOARDING
18 CARE OPERATORS LOOK AT THE A.B.109 POPULATION DIFFERENTLY AND
19 MAY NEED CERTAIN OTHER REASSURANCES IN TERMS OF OTHER SUPPORTS
20 TO WELCOME THEM INTO THEIR BOARDING CARE UNIT OR OTHER PLACES.
21 SO WE'VE WORKED WITH PROBATION TO LIBERALIZE THIS MONEY
22 SOMEWHAT TO SUPPORT NOT JUST THE EXPENSE OF THE BOARD AND
23 CARE, BUT IN ADDITION, TO PROVIDE OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES, JUST
24 LIKE WE DO WHEN WE USE HOUSING FOR HEALTH TO HOUSE A HOMELESS
25 PATIENT. WE LOOK TO THE A.B.109 RESOURCES TO DO WHATEVER IT

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1 TAKES TO GET A POTENTIALLY HOMELESS, MEDICALLY FRAGILE
2 A.B.109ER INTO A PLACEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WE'RE
3 BEGINNING TO MAKE SOME HEADWAY IN FINDING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD
4 ACCEPT THESE CLIENTS INTO THEIR THEIR BOARDING CARES AND OTHER
5 TYPES OF TREATMENT FACILITIES. NEXT SLIDE. THE THIRD PIECE OF
6 THE D.H.S. OPERATION THAT A.B.109 FUNDS HAVE SUPPORTED REALLY
7 IS NEW THIS YEAR. THE INTEGRATED JAIL HEALTH SERVICES, AND I
8 WANTED THE SPEND A MOMENT FOCUSING ON SOME OF THE INITIATIVES
9 THAT WE WOULD USE THAT ONE TIME FUNDING FOR. AND THE FIRST
10 PIECE IS DEVELOPING A NEW SICK HALL POLICY. SO AS MANY OF YOU
11 KNOW, WE NEED TO BE TIMELY IN ADDRESSING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS
12 OF INMATES. AND TO DATE, OUR CURRENT SICK HALL POLICY OR THE
13 POLICY TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS IN A TIMELY WAY HAS NEEDED SOME
14 IMPROVEMENT. AND WE'VE BEGUN TO PUT THOSE IMPROVEMENTS INTO
15 PLACE. WE'RE STARTING SMALL AT THE NORTH COUNTY FACILITIES BUT
16 HAVE A NEW SYSTEM FOR SICK HALL THAT I HOPE OVER THE NEXT
17 THREE TO SIX MONTHS WILL BE SPREAD OUT TO ALL OF THE JAIL
18 FACILITIES AND WILL ALLOW OUR STAFF TO MEET THE NEEDS AND
19 TRIAGE THOSE NEEDS APPROPRIATELY SO CARE CAN BE MORE TIMELY.
20 WE'VE ALSO PAID VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SUBSTANCE
21 DETOXIFICATION NEEDS THAT WE SEE IN THE INMATE RECEPTION
22 CENTER. AND BEING ABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE IN A MORE
23 SOPHISTICATED WAY WITH ENHANCED SORT OF FACILITY AND STAFFING,
24 AND THE A.B.109 FUNDING HAS SUPPORTED THAT. ADDITIONALLY, AND
25 THE LAST SLIDE, WILL ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY LINKAGE COMPONENT.

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1 AND THEN THE FOURTH BULLET THAT YOU SEE HERE IS THE INTEREST
2 IN STARTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH COUNTY. WE HAVE
3 FOR A LONG TIME CONSOLIDATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE
4 WOMEN'S FACILITY AND THOSE DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITIES. AND WE
5 HAVEN'T PROVIDED THE SAME LEVEL OF CARE TO THOSE WITH MENTAL
6 ILLNESS UP IN THE NORTH COUNTY FACILITIES. AND WE'RE NEARLY
7 THERE ON A STRATEGY TO ALLOW THOSE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN
8 NORTH COUNTY. AND I THINK-- AND TERRY CAN ADDRESS THIS-- BUT
9 IT WOULD ALLOW US TO MOVE POTENTIALLY 200 TO 400 INMATES THAT
10 ARE IN OVERCROWDED MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING HERE IN DOWNTOWN
11 JAILS UP TO NORTH COUNTY, AND I THINK WILL ALLOW A BETTER
12 THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS ALLOW US TO UTILIZE OUR
13 STAFF DIFFERENTLY TO MEET THOSE NEEDS. THE THIRD BULLET DID
14 ADDRESS A CONCEPT THAT WE WANT TO TEST IN OUR-- YOU CAN GO TO
15 THE NEXT SLIDE. SO WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PUT TOGETHER A
16 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROJECT THAT'S ATTACHED TO OUR PRIMARY
17 CARE PROGRAM WITHIN THE D.H.S.'S BROADER CLINICAL OPERATIONS.
18 AND WE ARE LOOKING AT MODELS THAT USE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
19 TO BRIDGE FOLKS COMING OUT OF JAIL AND PRISON TO BE SUCCESSFUL
20 IN THEIR COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY. AND SO WE'RE BEGINNING, THROUGH
21 THE SAME PARTNERSHIP THAT BUILT THE D.H.S. PROGRAM TO BRING ON
22 10 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO WORK WITH OUR A.B.109 AND
23 BROADER JAIL POPULATION TO RE-ENTER WITH THE SERVICES THEY
24 NEED AND SOME OF THE OTHER SUPPORTS THAT ALLOW THEM-- ALLOW

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1 FOLKS TO MAKE AND STICK WITH TREATMENT PLANS THAT MAKE SENSE
2 FOR THEIR HEALTH. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JEFF PERRY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JEFF PERRY. I OVERSEE THE
5 PAROLE COMPLIANCE TEAM. I HAVE TWO SLIDES. THE FIRST SLIDE
6 JUST TALKS ABOUT THE WARRANTS. AND AGAIN, MY TEAM IS
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING AND APPREHENDING THE ABSCONDERS. THE
8 FIRST TABLE JUST BREAKS OUT THE ACTIVE WARRANTS THAT WE
9 CONSIDER THE WORKABLE ONES BY JURISDICTION. FIRST BOX IS
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, EITHER UNINCORPORATED OR CONTRACT
11 CITIES. OTHER AGENCIES, OTHER POLICE AGENCIES OTHER THAN
12 L.A.P.D. THEN L.A.P.D.'S NUMBER. AND THEN WE HAVE TRANSIENT
13 WARRANTS. AND THEN WARRANTS THAT WE'VE DETERMINED THE
14 ABSCONDER IS OUT OF THE COUNTY. ON THE RIGHT, THERE'S JUST A
15 TABLE THAT JUST SHOWS THERE'S SEVERAL ABSCONDERS EVEN AFTER WE
16 HAVE APPREHENDED THEM OR THEY'VE BEEN APPREHENDED BY ANOTHER
17 POLICE AGENCY. THEY'VE RE-ABSCONDED SEVERAL TIMES. IN FACT,
18 THERE'S TWO ABSCONDERS THAT HAVE HAD 14 WARRANTS ISSUED SINCE
19 THEY'VE BEEN ON E.S.P. STATUS. NEXT SLIDE? NEXT SLIDE IS JUST
20 OUR PAROLE COMPLIANCE TEAM STATS. THE KEY ONE IS AGAIN THE
21 SECOND BOX. OUR P.S.P., PAL ARRESTS THOSE ARE THE ABSCONDERS.
22 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH WE'RE AT 304 ARRESTS. AT THE END OF THE
23 YEAR, WE WERE UP RIGHT AROUND 400. THE OTHER BOXES AGAIN ARE
24 JUST SOME OTHER ARRESTS, FIREARMS SEIZED AND SOME OTHER STATS.

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1 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, TERRI MCDONALD.
2 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, CUSTODY DIVISION. THIS IS THE NORMAL SLIDE
3 WE SHOW OF THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION. NO REAL CHANGES FROM
4 THE PRIOR SLIDE. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE
5 TRADITIONAL COUNTY SENTENCED INMATE SERVED 70 PERCENT IF THEY
6 HAD AT LEAST 90 DAYS TO SERVE. IF THEY HAD LESS THAN 90 DAYS,
7 THEY WERE RELEASED, EXCEPT FOR A SMALL GROUP OF WHAT WE CALL
8 M7 CHARGES. AS A REMINDER, WE WORK WITH THE INMATE POPULATION
9 TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE PROGRAMMING AND ALSO ASSIST WITH KEEPING
10 POPULATION UNDER CONTROL. THESE ARE CREDIT-EARNING STRATEGIES
11 ABOVE AND BEYOND THE DAY FOR DAY THEY RECEIVE. SO THE A.B.109
12 SENTENCE POPULATION, WE HAVE ROUGHLY 3700, 3683 DURING THIS
13 TIME PERIOD. FORTUNATELY WE'RE ABLE TO INTERVIEW 100 PERCENT
14 OF THE INMATES WHO WERE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WELL ENOUGH
15 TO ASK THEM WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM THEY'D LIKE TO BE IN. YOU CAN
16 SEE BY THIS BREAKDOWN 73 PERCENT OF THE A.B.109 INMATES WERE
17 IN SOME KIND OF PROGRAM. THE VAST MAJORITY EITHER IN
18 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OR IN MILESTONE OR E.B.I. PROGRAMS.
19 WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE ALTERNATIVE
20 CUSTODY OPTIONS. DR. FORD TALKED ABOUT THE WORK WE'VE BEEN
21 DOING WITH WOMEN IN DRUG TREATMENT. DURING THIS QUARTER, WE
22 WERE ABLE TO PLACE 32 INTO PROGRAMS. PRIMARILY WOMEN EITHER IN
23 DRUG TREATMENT OR IN GRANT-BASED BEDS. WE TRIED TO DO PLENTY
24 OF PLANNING FOR INMATES LEAVING OUR SYSTEM. WE WANT TO
25 DEMONSTRATE AGAIN THE GROWTH THAT WE'RE SHOWING IN GETTING

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1 BIRTH CERTIFICATES. THAT'S ONE OF THE CHALLENGES PEOPLE HAVE.
2 THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO HAVE R-9 DOCUMENTS OR DRIVERS' LICENSES.
3 THIS SHOWS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND IMPROVE BOTH OUR
4 BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND OUR D.M.V. I.D. CARD PROGRAMS. WE ALSO
5 CONTINUE WITH OUR BENEFIT ENROLLMENT. I'M VERY PLEASED TO SAY
6 WE'RE PRETTY MUCH ON TARGET WITH THE GRANT THAT THE BOARD WAS
7 KIND ENOUGH TO ALLOCATE TO HAVE CUSTODY ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE
8 FIVE OF THEM DOING BENEFIT ENROLLMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH
9 OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES. AND SO WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
10 THAT PROGRAM. AND WE HAVE THE C.R.R.C. WAS MENTIONED EARLIER.
11 THIS IS A RELEASE CENTER LOCATED OUTSIDE OF I.R.C., THE MEN'S
12 RELEASE CENTER. YOU CAN SEE IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
13 THAT TOP ROW, WE GO INTO THE JAIL AND TALK TO THE INMATES
14 ABOUT THE WINDOWS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM AS THEY'RE
15 LEAVING. SO YOU CAN SEE ROUGHLY IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT 1,200 A
16 MONTH WE TALKED TO. ABOUT HALF OF THEM ACTUALLY GO TO THE
17 WINDOW UPON LEAVING AND THEN BELOW, THE LOWER BOX SHOWS THE
18 DIFFERENT WINDOWS THAT THEY'RE TOUCHING. THE NUMBERS EXCEED
19 THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUEST SERVICES BECAUSE
20 PAROLEES AND OTHER PEOPLE COME BACK TO THE WINDOWS. THE
21 WINDOWS ARE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY DURING DAY SHIFT. SO
22 UNFORTUNATELY THIS ISN'T 24/7, BUT THE HOURS THAT IT'S OPEN,
23 WE'RE GETTING GOOD CONTACT WITH THOSE WINDOWS. WE'RE GRATEFUL
24 FOR THAT. AND THAT'S IT FOR US.

25

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1 **CAL REMINGTON:** SO AT THIS POINT, MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE OPEN FOR
2 QUESTIONS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'LL OPEN IT UP. YES, SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL AND ANTONOVICH?

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YES, I HAVE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND
8 QUESTIONS BUT MOSTLY COMMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, IT SEEMS WE'RE
9 MAKING SOME PROGRESS. AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU FOR
10 SORT OF PIVOTING OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, REALLY, NOT TO
11 SAY THAT YOU WERE ALL DOING THINGS VERY DIFFERENTLY. BUT THE
12 NOTION THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO EMPHASIZE ALL FIVE OF US THAT WE
13 REALLY BELIEVE IN REHABILITATION. WE REALLY BELIEVE IN SECOND
14 CHANCE. AND OF COURSE THE HELP THAT WE GET WITH THE A.B.109
15 MONEY HAS KIND OF HELPED US TO SAY WE'RE DECIDING THAT THAT'S
16 WHAT WE WANT TO DO WITH IT. THE NUMBERS SEEM TO ME GENERALLY
17 STILL TO BE VERY LOW. AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE CAN SAY OKAY,
18 100 PERCENT RIGHT AWAY. I DON'T MEAN THIS AS A FAULT THING. I
19 JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT BOTH THE PROGRAM AND THE
20 PRESENTATION. MR. REMINGTON, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WAY
21 YOU PRESENTED IN SORT OF GOALS AND HOW WE WERE DOING. IT'S A
22 WAY THAT I FIND EASIER TO TAKE IN. SOMETIMES I FIND THE
23 NUMBERS, CHARTS A BIT STULTIFYING. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ
24 THEM. I KNOW WHAT THEY SAY AND I KNOW WHAT THE CATEGORIES ARE,
25 BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REALLY CONCLUDE FROM THEM AS TO

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1 WHETHER WE'RE HAVING GOOD OUTCOMES OR NOT. ALSO THERE WAS A
2 REAL MIXTURE IN THE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT WHETHER WE WERE
3 TALKING STRICTLY ABOUT WHAT WE CALL A.B.109 POPULATION, AND
4 POPULATIONS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE THOSE THAT WE CONSIDERED
5 A.B.109. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MENTAL HEALTH, IN THEIR
6 PRESENTATION, WAS KIND OF STRICTLY TALKING ABOUT A.B.109 WHERE
7 AS PROBATION TALKING ABOUT SPLIT SENTENCING, PROP 47 FOLKS.
8 AND I'M NOT SAYING IT'S CONFUSING. I'M SAYING THAT I THINK AS
9 WE MOVE ALONG, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TALK ABOUT
10 INTEGRATION OF SERVICES, OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO ALL BE
11 PRESENTING FROM YOUR OWN DEPARTMENTS. THERE'S NO QUESTION. BUT
12 WE ARE GOING TO BE MORE AND MORE INTERESTED IN HOW THESE
13 POPULATIONS ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER. WHICH PEOPLE IN MENTAL
14 HEALTH ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THAT WERE IN PROBATION, ET CETERA?
15 AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE I THINK SOME REAL QUESTIONS ABOUT
16 WHAT IT MEANS TO GET PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT. IT'S REALLY GOOD
17 TO HEAR WE MADE A REFERRAL. I THINK THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
18 PRESENTATIONS WHERE WE MADE A REFERRAL FOR HOUSING, WE MADE A
19 REFERRAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH. THEN WE HEAR FROM MENTAL HEALTH,
20 WELL HERE'S WHO WE'VE TREATED, BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW THOSE
21 CONNECT. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU KNOW HOW THEY CONNECT.
22 SO AS WE GO ALONG, IT WOULD BE REALLY, I THINK, GOOD FOR US TO
23 LOOK AND MAYBE C.E.O. CAN HELP WITH THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN
24 OVERVIEW OF ALL OF IT, TO INTEGRATE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION
25 SO WE KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHO WENT FROM WHERE TO WHERE, AND WHO

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1 THEY ARE. I'M NOT REALLY CLEAR ABOUT THE SPLIT SENTENCING PART
2 OF IT TOO. NOW, THIS MAY FALL INTO THE D.A. BUT IT SEEMS AS
3 THOUGH THERE SHOULD BE MORE POTENTIAL FOR SPLIT SENTENCING
4 FOLKS. IT'S NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY NECESSARILY BUT AS YOU
5 SHOW THE NUMBERS, THEY DIDN'T REALLY SEEM AS HIGH AS WE
6 THOUGHT OR HOPED THAT THERE MIGHT BE. SO I GUESS MY FEELING
7 ABOUT IT IS, THIS IS JUST REALLY GOOD PROGRESS. I SEE IT MORE
8 AS A TEAM THAN EVER BEFORE. I SEE IT MORE AS SORT OF AN
9 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE REALLY WANT TO THINK ABOUT OUR-- THOSE
10 WHO ARE INCARCERATED, THOSE WHO LEAVE INCARCERATION, PEOPLE
11 WHO WE LIKE TO CALL OUR CLIENTS, THOUGH WE'VE BEEN CRITICIZED
12 FOR CALLING THEM CLIENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY CHOOSING
13 US. BUT, STILL, TO THINK OF THEM AS PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE,
14 WHATEVER THE WORD IS. IT SEEMS TO BE GROWING. OR MAYBE YOU
15 CAME TO US AND SAID, YOU HAVE TO DO IT SOME OTHER WAY. I'M NOT
16 SAYING WE THOUGHT IT UP AND NOW YOU ARE SUDDENLY DOING WHAT WE
17 THOUGHT. BUT IT'S REAL PROGRESS TO THINK ABOUT RECOVERING
18 THESE LIVES OR HELPING THEM TO RECOVER THEIR OWN LIVES. SO IF
19 I COULD SUGGEST FEWER TABLES, MORE KIND OF OUTCOME, DASHBOARD-
20 Y KINDS OF THINGS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US IN THE RESPONSE.
21 IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO INTEGRATE ANY OF THE INFORMATION, I
22 DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS. AS EVERYBODY KEEPS THEIR OWN NUMBERS.
23 BUT MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US KNOW HOW TO HELP WITH THAT BECAUSE
24 WE KIND OF WANT TO KNOW HOW WE'RE DOING ACROSS-THE-BOARD. AND
25 IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PUT ALL THE CATEGORIES TOGETHER. WE

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1 MIGHT HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT
2 A.B.109 AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS GOING TALK ABOUT THE
3 MOTION AND HOW WE WANTED TO EXPAND THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT
4 USING THIS MONEY. SO FOR THE NEXT REPORT, I THINK IT WOULD BE
5 HELPFUL. AGAIN, NOT A CRITIQUE. BUT THE IDEA IS TO LET US KNOW
6 HOW WE'RE DOING. SO THE MORE WE CAN DO THAT IN A NON-
7 FORMULAIC, MORE DASHBOARD KIND OF WAY I THINK IT WOULD BE
8 EASIER FOR US TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING. I
9 LIKE THE SHOWING US HOW FEWER PEOPLE USE THE EMERGENCY ROOM ET
10 CETERA. BUT IT ALWAYS MAKES ME WONDER WELL THEN WHERE DID THEY
11 GO? HOW ARE THEY DOING? THEY GO INTO TREATMENT. ARE THEY THERE
12 FOREVER? ARE WE DOING "ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST" NOW IN
13 A WAY? I DON'T KNOW. DO WE TRADE OFF HOW MANY PEOPLE WE PUT IN
14 TREATMENT WITH HOW LONG THEY STAY IN TREATMENT? THIS IS SORT
15 OF INFORMATION I THINK THAT TO BE DEVELOPED, HOPEFULLY. THANK
16 YOU FOR LETTING ME WONDER ABOUT THIS, BUT I THINK FOR NEXT
17 TIME, IT'LL HELP US MORE TO HAVE MORE OF AN INTEGRATED
18 APPROACH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD FOOD FOR THOUGHT. SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH AND THEN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO REPEAT WHAT WAS SAID YEARS AGO WHEN 109
24 WAS BEING ADOPTED I SHARED THE SAME VIEWS OF OUR DISTRACT
25 ATTORNEY THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A STEP WITH AN INCREASE IN

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1 CRIME AND WITH THE PROPOSITION 47, THE PROBLEMS THAT THAT
2 WOULD BE HAVING ON THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IN JULY I HAD A MOTION
3 THAT DIRECTED THE C.C.J.C.C. TO INITIATE A STUDY TO SHOW A
4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RISING CRIME TRENDS AND A.B.109 AND
5 PROPOSITION 47 UTILIZING A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR CRIMINAL
6 JUSTICE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION REPORT WITH A REPORT BACK TO
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THAT STUDY?

8

9 **CAL REMINGTON:** DEFINITELY, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE CONTINUING TO
10 WORK DILIGENTLY ON THIS. WE CONNECTED WITH THE PARTNERS THAT
11 ARE GOING TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS EFFORT, INCLUDING SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT AND L.A.P.D., I.S.A.P. PROBATION, CITY ATTORNEY'S
13 OFFICE, CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION AND OTHERS. AND ONE OF OUR FOCUS
14 AREAS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE STUDY THAT IS INITIATED BY THE
15 COUNTY IS GOING TO BE AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE
16 INCLUDE AS MANY JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY AS WE CAN. SO
17 WHILE WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAY WE'RE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO
18 LEVERAGE OTHER EFFORTS, WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT THIS STUDY IS
19 COMPREHENSIVE IN TERMS OF INCLUDING AS MANY COUNTY
20 JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY. ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE'RE
21 PRIORITIZING RIGHT NOW IS MAKING SURE THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY
22 WHERE THE DATA CAN COME FROM SO THAT WHEN WE DO ENGAGE THIS
23 CONSULTANT, THERE'S GOING TO BE DATA AVAILABLE THAT THE
24 CONSULTANT WILL BE ABLE TO WORK FOR. SO WE HOPE TO WRAP THAT

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1 UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THEN WE'LL HAVE THAT STATEMENT OF
2 WORK READY TO GO.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PROBATION BREAKS DOWN THE REPORT ON 109 INTO
5 FOUR RISK LEVELS. 70 PERCENT ARE EITHER HIGH RISK OR VERY HIGH
6 RISK. 29 PERCENT ARE MEDIUM RISK AND 1 PERCENT IS LOW RISK.
7 THE PERCENTAGES HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT BASICALLY SINCE A.B.109
8 TOOK EFFECT. SO HOW DOES THE PROBATION APPROACH EACH OF THESE
9 INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, I SHOULD SAY, BASED ON THE FOUR RISK
10 LEVELS.

11

12 **CAL REMINGTON:** THE RISK LEVELS ARE IMPORTANT. AND IT HELPS US
13 DECIDE WHAT SORT OF APPROACH WE WILL TAKE WITH THAT VENDOR OR
14 PROBATIONER. THE HIGHER RISK CERTAINLY-- AND WHEN WE GET TO
15 REAL HIGH RISK, THEN AT THAT POINT WE'RE STILL CERTAINLY
16 INTERESTED IN REHABILITATION AND INTERESTED IN HAVING ALL
17 OFFENDERS GO THROUGH A CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WILL HELP
18 THEM SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO MAKE THOSE IMPORTANT CHANGES. BUT
19 IF IT'S A HIGH, HIGH RISK, SUPERVISOR, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
20 THEM AT A LOWER CASE LOAD. THE MONITORING ALREADY CLOSER. AND
21 AT TIMES SUPPRESSION WILL BE ANOTHER ONE FOCUS. AGAIN, WE SEE
22 ALL INDIVIDUALS UNDER OUR SUPERVISION AS HAVING THE ABILITY TO
23 MAKE THE CHANGES. BUT CERTAINLY PUBLIC PROTECTION IS HIGH, THE
24 HIGHER THE RISK LEVEL IS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I JOINTLY HAD A MOTION
2 IN WHICH WE EXPANDED THE TYPE OF OFFENDERS ELIGIBLE FOR
3 SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE A.B.109 OFFENDERS WHO WERE RELEASED
4 FROM JAIL AS WELL AS THOSE UNDER PROP 47 AND PROP 36. THE
5 MOTION ASKED THAT THERE BE A.B.109 QUARTERLY REPORTS TO OUR
6 BOARD, WOULD INCLUDE MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE EXISTING
7 REFERRAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE INTEGRATED
8 SERVICES, THE BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS SERVED IN
9 EACH OF THE THREE OFFENDER CATEGORIES, AS WELL AS OUTCOME
10 DATA. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REFERRAL PROCESS HAS NOT
11 CHANGED IN ANY WAY, THAT WE ARE TRACKING ONLY ONE OF THE THREE
12 OFFENDER CATEGORIES. AND IT'S STILL TOO SOON TO HAVE OUTCOME
13 DATA. WE ARE PROACTIVELY OFFERING SERVICES TO CERTAIN
14 OFFENDERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED THOSE SERVICES IN THE
15 PAST. IT MUST AFFECT OUR REFERRAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH
16 SPECIFIC REFERRAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE
17 TO TRACK WHO'S GETTING WHAT SERVICE AND HOW THAT IS IMPACTING
18 OUR RECIDIVISM. SO MR. REMINGTON, THIS REQUIRES ACTIVE
19 PARTICIPATION AND SERIOUS THOUGHT BY ALL OF THE COUNTY
20 PARTNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TODAY'S REPORT BECAUSE TODAY'S REPORT
21 IS INADEQUATE. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU HAVE YOUR NEXT PUBLIC
22 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT TEAM MEETING FOCUS ON THIS MOTION AND
23 DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE FOR THE NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT
24 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LAST WEEK-- I SHOULD SAY LAST
25 THURSDAY, WE HAD A 28-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS INDICTED IN ORANGE

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1 COUNTY FOR GETTING POLICE INTO A CAR PURSUIT AND SHOOTING AT
2 THEM DURING THE PURSUIT. HE DIDN'T SURRENDER UNTIL THREE HOURS
3 AFTER HIS CAR WAS STOPPED USING SPIKE STRIPS. HIS FELONY
4 CHARGES HAD INCLUDED THREE FELONY COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER
5 ON A PEACE OFFICER, FOUR FELONY COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH A SEMI-
6 AUTOMATIC FIREARM ON PEACE OFFICERS, ONE FELONY COUNT FOR
7 EVADING POLICE OFFICERS WHILE DRIVING RECKLESSLY AND ONE
8 FELONY COUNT OF BEING IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM. SO HE HAD
9 ALL OF THESE MULTIPLE ARRESTS PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT WHICH
10 WERE REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS PURSUANT TO PROP 47. ALL OF THESE
11 ARE REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS FOR 47 WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO GET
12 OUT. SO IN 2013 HE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS IN JAIL. IN
13 2014 HIS FELONY CONVICTIONS WERE REDUCED TO MISDEMEANOR
14 PURSUANT TO PROP 47, AFTER WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED TWO MORE,
15 WITH TWO MORE MISDEMEANOR CHARGES INSTEAD OF FELONY, PURSUANT
16 TO PROPOSITION 47. AND THERE ARE A DOZEN OF SUCH CASES UP AND
17 DOWN THE STATE OF THESE FREQUENT OFFENDERS AND WE NEED
18 STRONGER CONSEQUENCES AND MANDATORY PROGRAMS. RIGHT NOW THE
19 THREAT OF 12 MONTHS IN A COUNTY JAIL IS NOT A DETERRENT OR AN
20 INCENTIVE TO GO INTO A PROGRAM AS WE'RE SEEING WITH DRUG
21 OFFENDERS WHO ARE NOW NOT GOING INTO DRUG REHAB, WHICH THEY
22 WERE PREVIOUSLY GOING INTO REHAB BECAUSE THEY KNOW IF THEY
23 DON'T GO INTO REHAB, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, WHERE
24 PREVIOUSLY THEY WOULD GO BACK TO JAIL IF THEY DIDN'T DO REHAB.
25 WHAT THE PUBLIC OUGHT TO KNOW THAT WHEN ONE YEAR JAIL SENTENCE

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1 ACTUALLY MEANS SIX MONTHS OF JAIL DEPENDING ON JAIL
2 OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS AND THAT COULD EVEN BE NO TIME AT ALL.
3 THE SHERIFF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY THAT YOU PRESENTED TO THE BOARD
4 ON PROP 47, ISSUED LAST MONTH, PROVIDES A BREAKDOWN ON THOSE
5 SAME OFFENDERS WHO WERE CITED AND RELEASED OR ARRESTED AND
6 LATER RELEASED UNDER PROP 47. IT INCLUDED 21 HOMICIDES, 6
7 FORCEFUL RAPES, 383 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS. IT GOES UP TO ABOUT
8 3,112 OF THOSE WHO WERE PART 1 CRIMES BEING REARRESTED. IN
9 PART 2 CRIMES IT WAS 15,433. SO YOU HAVE THE SAME REPORT THAT
10 SHOWED THAT THE INCREASE FOR CRIME FOR ONE YEAR AFTER PROP 47
11 PASSED AND L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION HOMICIDES ARE UP
12 24.5 PERCENT. RAPE WAS UP 47.4 PERCENT. LARCENY 15.4 PERCENT.
13 GRAND THEFT AUTO UP 21.9 PERCENT. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
14 THE STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CRIME AND A.B.109 AND 47
15 AS WELL AS THE DATA THAT WAS REQUESTED FROM OUR PUBLIC
16 DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONCERNING THE NUMBER
17 OF CLIENTS AGREEING TO MANDATORY TREATMENT PROGRAMS AS WELL AS
18 WHAT THE ACTUAL CONSEQUENCES ARE FOR THIS POPULATION. I KNOW
19 IN MANHATTAN BEACH, THE CHIEF OF POLICE, CHIEF EVE IRVINE,
20 STATED THAT SINCE 109 WAS PASSED, SHE SAID THIS CITY HAS MADE
21 55 ARRESTS, ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT LAW, THAT SEEKS TO REDUCE THE
22 PRISON SENTENCE. THEN WE HAVE THIS GENTLEMAN, MR. SEMISINA
23 [PH?] HAS BEEN ARRESTED 16 TIMES. HE SAID HE DIDN'T START
24 STEALING BICYCLES UNTIL PROP 47 RAISED THE THRESHOLD FOR
25 FELONY THEFT TO \$950. SO NOW HE'S DOING BICYCLE STEALING. AND

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1 THEN WE FIND THAT YOU CAN EVEN STEAL A HANDGUN THAT'S VALUED
2 AT LESS THAN \$950, AND ALL YOU GET IS A CITATION. YOU DON'T GO
3 TO JAIL. YOU JUST GET A CITATION. ANYTHING \$950 OR LESS DOES
4 NOT TAKE YOU TO COURT, OR I SHOULD SAY, TAKE YOU TO JAIL. YOU
5 GET A CITATION, AND THEN YOU HAVE TO APPEAR AT A LATER TIME.
6 SO THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS OUT OF WHACK AND NEEDS TO BE REFORMED.
7 SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING A REPORT AND GETTING ADDITIONAL
8 INFORMATION. SO POLICY DECISIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE LOCAL,
9 STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I PREVIOUSLY
14 THOUGHT I WOULD CRITIQUE THE PRESENTATION OF THE STAFF. BUT
15 AFTER HEARING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S PRESENTATION, I THINK I
16 WANT TO GET INTO A FULL BLOWN CONFRONTATION WITH HIM. WELL,
17 YES, THEY WILL. [LAUGHTER.] DON'T GET MAD, GET DATA. I DON'T
18 KNOW THE SOURCE THAT YOU CITE, MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE. BUT IT
19 STRIKES ME AS BEING A LITTLE UNSETTLING. IF THE LAW IS THAT
20 BAD, WE OUGHT TO REPEAL IT. BUT I HAVE A HARD TIME SOURCING.
21 SO HELP ME ON THAT, WILL YOU? I'M HEARING ASSAULT WEAPONS AND
22 SO FORTH AND ATTRIBUTING THAT TO-- AND THEY ARE USED AGAINST
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND ATTRIBUTING THAT TO PROP 47, I
24 FIND STARTLING, TO PUT IT MILDLY. AND MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US
25 WITH KNOWING THE SPECIFIC INCIDENTS AND SO FORTH. SHOULD YOU

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1 NOT WISH TO SHARE WITH ME, SHARE IT WITH CAL REMINGTON. HE'LL
2 INTERPRET IT PROPERLY, I'M SURE. LET ME JUST ASK A FEW
3 QUESTIONS ABOUT PROP 47, THE IMPACT, I'M REFERENCING SLIDE 5
4 OF 9. THE QUESTION WOULD BE, THE NUMBER OF THOSE ELIGIBLE
5 UNDER PROP 47, THE ORIGINAL NUMBER FROM WHEN PROP 47 WAS
6 PASSED OR HAS IT BEEN UPDATED? I THINK IS A QUESTION THAT THE
7 DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO ADDRESS. IS PROBATION DOING ANYTHING TO
8 CONTINUOUSLY ASSESS THE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE, AND
9 THE REASONS A GREATER PERCENTAGE ARE NOT PURSUING
10 RESENTENCING? TWO QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED. I WON'T OBLIGE
11 YOU TO ANSWER THEM NOW. BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO DIG INTO
12 THAT CAREFULLY. AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION IS SORT OF, CAN
13 PROBATION PLAY A MORE PROACTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING A GREATER
14 NUMBER OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PROP 47, THAT THEY'RE ADVISED OF
15 THEIR ELIGIBILITY AND POTENTIAL RELEASE. NOW I KNOW THAT MAKES
16 THE DEAN'S HAIR STAND ON END, BUT THE INTENT HERE IS TO BE IN
17 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. AND I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE
18 LATITUDE IN NEGOTIATION OR IN DISCRETION AS IT RELATES TO WHAT
19 WE OUGHT TO BE DOING TO CAUSE PROP 47 TO WORK. IF IT IS A
20 FAILURE, IT HAS TO BE SUBSTANTIATED IF SUCH IS THE CASE, AND
21 THAT HASN'T BEEN THE CASE TODAY. AND IT CAN ONLY BE A FAILURE
22 IF IN FACT THE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES ARE NOT DOING WHAT THEY
23 SHOULD DO. THEREFORE THE QUESTION BEING POSED IS WHAT ACTIVELY
24 IS BEING DONE? AND IF IT'S NOT ON THE SHOULDERS OF PROBATION
25 ALONE, OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THE

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1 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAVE A ROLE IN THIS. THEY ARE TO
2 STEP UP. THEN THERE'S A RELATED QUESTION ABOUT THE ISSUE, THAT
3 NO DATA HAS BEEN RUN ON OUTCOMES, THAT IS RECIDIVISM FOR THOSE
4 CASES BEING TERMINATED DUE TO PROP 47 OR GENERALLY ON
5 RECIDIVISM. AND THOSE RATES. WHEN WILL THOSE TYPE OF OUTCOMES
6 BE TRACKED? AND BY WHOM? I POSE THAT QUESTION BROADLY. TO THE
7 EXTENT THAT THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES ARE
8 NOT SITTING AT THE TABLES BEFORE US. AND THEN FINALLY I WANT
9 TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON THE ISSUE OF RECEIVING
10 REFERRALS FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY UTILIZED. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT
11 UTILIZE THOSE SERVICES, DO WE KNOW WHY? CAN WE ANALYZE THE
12 BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE SERVICES TO ENSURE CLIENTS ARE
13 GETTING THEIR SERVICES OR THEIR NEEDS MET? THIS IS THE ESSENCE
14 OF HOW ONE REDUCES RECIDIVISM. THIS IS WHAT RE-ENTRY IS ABOUT.
15 THEY'RE NOT CAPITALIZING ON SERVICES, WE'RE ESSENTIALLY
16 DIVINING A RECIPE FOR COMPLETE FAILURE, IF NOT, DISASTER.
17 CAN'T LET THE DEAN BE CORRECT IN HIS ASSERTIONS. AND THEN THE
18 OTHER POINT I WANT TO MAKE, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO TRACK SERVICE
19 DELIVERY FOR THOSE RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT
20 SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THEIR NEEDS ARE BEING MET SO THAT THEY
21 DO NOT CYCLE BACK INTO THE SYSTEM? THIS IS THE TOUGH WORK FOR
22 RE-ENTRY. THE LANGUAGE OF RECIDIVISM IS JUST TALK IF WE ARE
23 NOT DIGGING DEEP, GETTING OUR ARMS AROUND BEST PRACTICES,
24 PROMISING PRACTICES. ALL THE EVIDENCE-BASED. IT SEEMS TO ME WE
25 HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GET BETTER AT THIS, NOT JUST TALK ABOUT

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1 IT, BUT TO ACTUALLY GET BETTER, SHOW OUTCOMES THAT ARE REAL. I
2 POSE THESE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND I'D BE GLAD TO
3 PASS THEM ALONG TO YOU. IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE
4 WITH THE DEAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SEE IF WE CAN'T
5 GET THAT DATA STRAIGHT BEFORE HE CONFUSES US ALL. THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH.

7

8 **CAL REMINGTON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO ADD ONE THING OR TWO TO
13 THE CONVERSATION. LAST FRIDAY THERE WAS A MAJOR PUBLICATION,
14 THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
15 POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE WAS TAKEN UP WITH A STUDY ABOUT
16 THE EFFECTS OF PROP 47 IN CALIFORNIA. IT'S A NATIONAL JOURNAL.
17 AND THE STUDY WAS CONDUCTED BY U.C. IRVINE, U.C. BERKELEY AND
18 OTHERS IN THE U.C. SYSTEM. AND THE HEADLINE IS "CALIFORNIA
19 PRISON REFORM DIDN'T CAUSE CRIME INCREASE." THE STUDY FINDS.
20 LARGE-SCALE STUDY, AS I SAID IT TOOK UP THE ENTIRE ISSUE. AND
21 WHAT THEY ESSENTIALLY SAID WAS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS MAKING
22 A BIG DEAL OUT OF PROP 47 SOMEHOW CAUSING AN UPTICK IN CRIME.
23 I MUST SAY NOT QUITE TONGUE IN CHEEK. I DID SEND THIS ARTICLE
24 TO THE SHERIFF AND MAKE A DATE WITH HIM TO TALK ABOUT IT
25 BECAUSE HE'S CONVINCED, AS MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

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1 IS, THAT IT DOES CAUSE AN UPTICK IN CRIME. BUT THIS IS THE
2 FIRST MAJOR STUDY DONE ABOUT IT. AND THEY CONCLUDED THAT THIS
3 PROP 47 COULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE FOUND TO BE THE CAUSE, IF
4 THERE WERE UPTICKS IN CRIME. THEY SAID THAT THEY FOUND A
5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTIES THAT INVESTED IN REHABILITATION
6 SERVICES AND THOSE WHO INVESTED PRIMARILY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.
7 SO I GUESS WE WILL SEE. THEY ALSO FIND THAT WHEN PEOPLE SERVE
8 THEIR FULL SENTENCES, THEY CAN GO OUT AND RE-OFFEND. SO THEY,
9 OF COURSE, CONTRIBUTE TO CRIME EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE SERVED
10 THEIR SENTENCES AND THEY DIDN'T GET OUT UNDER PROP 47. SO I
11 THINK I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS
12 RELATED TO THIS. BUT I CALL THIS-- I RECOMMEND THIS TO ALL OF
13 YOU, AGAIN. THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL
14 AND SOCIAL SCIENCE. PUBLISHED THIS ISSUE LAST FRIDAY. THANK
15 YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT
18 THE INFORMATION YOU'VE PRESENTED TO ME TODAY GIVES ME AN
19 INDICATION THAT WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START. MUCH BETTER THAN
20 WHEN I STARTED HERE 12 MONTHS AGO. HEARING THE COLLABORATION
21 IS GOOD BUT KNOWING THAT WE STILL HAVE TO GET MORE DATA. AND
22 REALISTICALLY LOOK AT HOW WE WEIGH THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT
23 PEOPLE REALLY DO NEED. WHILE THEY'RE IN OUR CUSTODY AND WHILE
24 THEY'RE TRANSITIONING OUT. THE ONE THING I DIDN'T HEAR A LOT
25 ABOUT THAT I KNOW WILL BE IN THE WORKS ALSO IS WHILE WE STILL

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1 ACTIVELY DETAIN INDIVIDUALS, THAT WE DO MORE WITH EDUCATION
2 AND TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE
3 ONCE THEY LEAVE TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIND
4 A JOB POTENTIALLY, OR THEY'LL HAVE SOME SKILL SETS. AND I KNOW
5 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS WITH MANY OF YOU ON DIFFERENT
6 OCCASIONS. AND I'M VERY EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED
7 CONCERN I HAVE WITH RESPECT TO HELL TREATMENT IN THE JAILS,
8 ESPECIALLY WITH WOMEN. AND I KNOW I'VE BROUGHT THIS UP I THINK
9 THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE ON THE ISSUE. JUST IN TERMS OF HOW
10 QUICKLY WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE EXAMINATIONS THAT WOMEN
11 NEED, ESPECIALLY MY RECENT VISIT IN LYNWOOD, VISITING THE
12 WOMEN'S JAIL THERE BECAUSE I THINK IF WE CAN HELP SET A
13 STANDARD SOMEWHERE AND BEGIN TO LOOK AT THAT REALISTICALLY,
14 THEN WE CAN USE THAT AS KIND OF OUR INCUBATOR AND HOPEFULLY
15 GROW THAT OUT QUICKER. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC DOESN'T FULLY
16 APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE
17 THIS PANEL TO PUT THIS IN A MORE FRIENDLIER-- AND IT'S TRUE
18 WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, IN A MANNER THAT PEOPLE CAN DIGEST
19 AND UNDERSTAND. BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS
20 THAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED. WE HAVE MET SOME OF THOSE GOALS. AND
21 I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THAT HARD WORK BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN
22 HARD. BUT I ALSO THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO GIVE PROGRESS WHERE
23 WE CAN. AND I THINK SHEILA KUEHL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALKED
24 ABOUT THAT, HAVING SOME KIND OF A DASHBOARD. BECAUSE WE HAVE
25 TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO OURSELVES AND TO THE PUBLIC. SO THE

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1 QUICKER WE DO THAT AND FINDING OUT WHERE THE RIGHT TOOLS ARE
2 IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL. I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT
3 HAPPENS WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE RELEASED BECAUSE OF PROP 47
4 IN TERMS OF ARE WE CONTINUING CASE MANAGEMENT? BECAUSE CASE
5 MANAGEMENT TO ME IS ESSENTIAL IN JUST ABOUT EVERY LEVEL AND
6 EVERY POINT THAT WE HAVE CONTACT WITH THESE INMATES. AND I
7 THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED TO TEST AND
8 REALLY FOLLOW THROUGH ON BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT ONCE PEOPLE
9 HAVE A COACH, AN INDICATION THAT SOMEONE'S PAYING ATTENTION,
10 AND THEY'RE GETTING SOME FEEDBACK, IT COULD BE NEGATIVE BUT AT
11 LEAST IT'S FEEDBACK. AND IN SOME WAYS IT CALLS ATTENTION TO
12 THAT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL TO TRY TO RESPOND AND TO GET SOME
13 OF THOSE CHANGES EMBEDDED IN THEMSELVES. AND I HEARD A LOT OF
14 THAT FROM FORMER INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INCARCERATED WITH JUST
15 THE FACT THAT PEOPLE PAID ATTENTION TO THEM GAVE THEM THAT
16 SENSE OF BEING TREATED AS A HUMAN BEING. AND I THINK THOSE ARE
17 REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW. SO I WANT TO MAYBE NOT
18 CONGRATULATE US ALL BUT GIVE US A HIGH FIVE AND SAY WE'RE
19 GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT WE HAVE MORE TO DO BECAUSE
20 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT THINK A.B.109 AND 47
21 ACTUALLY FLIP THINGS AROUND AND MADE THE WORLD NOT SUCH A KIND
22 PLACE TO LIVE. I'M STILL OUT ON THAT. I WANT TO LOOK AT DATA.
23 AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S THE WHOLE CASE. BUT I DO KNOW
24 THAT WE CAN DO MORE IN TERMS OF PREVENTION. AND WHAT WE CAN DO
25 IS DETERMINE WHAT WE HAVE ABILITY TO IMPACT WHEN THESE

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1 INDIVIDUALS ARE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS. SO I WOULD JUST SAY THAT.
2 IF THERE'S ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

3

4 **CAL REMINGTON:** ONLY IN CLOSING, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S BEEN ABOUT
5 THREE YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES, AND THE RE-
6 ALIGNMENT WAS STARTED BEFORE I LEFT. SO COMING AFTER A PERIOD
7 OF TIME AND LOOKING WITH NEW EYES AND KNOWING THE COUNTY WHERE
8 IT TENDS TO WORK BETTER, I'M IMPRESSED WITH LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. WHAT I'VE SEEN AND WHAT I'VE READ IS THAT FOR IT TO
10 REALLY WORK ON A COUNTY LEVEL, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A STRONG
11 PROGRAM THAT STARTS IN THE JAIL. AND CERTAINLY IN READING WHAT
12 OUR FOLKS HAVE DONE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THAT'S TERRIFIC.
13 IT STARTS THERE. RE-ENTRY BECOMES A VERY IMPORTANT PART. SO WE
14 NEED, IN ADDITION TO PROGRAMS IN THE JAILS, WE NEED SERVICES
15 IN THE JAILS, MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THAT'S GOING TO
16 IMPROVE. AND THEN PROBATION BECOMES A REAL IMPORTANT PART AS
17 FAR AS RE-ENTRY. AND THEN WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS. SO WHEN
18 YOU HAVE THAT, THE STRONG COMPONENT IN THE JAIL, THE RE-ENTRY
19 AND THE STRONG COMMUNITY PART WITH CASE MANAGEMENT, THEN
20 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A STRONGER PROGRAM. I THINK WHAT WE WILL
21 EVOLVE TO IN THIS COUNTY IS MORE SERVICES ON ANYONE COMING OUT
22 OF THAT JAIL. IF THEY'RE NOT ON SUPERVISION, IT DOESN'T MEAN
23 THEY DON'T NEED SERVICES. AND OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO BE
24 VOLUNTARY, BUT SOME OF THOSE FOLKS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
25 THAT. SO I THINK-- I DON'T THINK WE'RE THERE YET BUT I

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1 CERTAINLY THINK WE'RE ON A STRONG TRACK THAT WILL GIVE L.A.
2 COUNTY A MODEL A.B.109. A LOT OF THESE TERMS ARE GOING TO GO
3 AWAY BECAUSE THIS IS THE NORM NOW. IT'S A DIFFERENT WAY OF
4 DOING BUSINESS FOR THE COUNTY'S MUCH MORE INVOLVED. SO I THINK
5 ALL YOU SUPERVISORS HAVE A LOT TO BE HOPEFUL FOR IN THE FUTURE
6 AND A LOT TO BE PROUD OF FOR WHAT STAFF HAVE DONE IN THE PAST
7 FEW YEARS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE DO HAVE
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO WE'LL EXCUSE THOSE OF YOU ON THE PANEL AND
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS AND I'LL CALL RON JENNINGS.
12 EDWARD SCOTT. ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. RUTH SARNOFF. AND
13 WAYNE FROM ENCINO. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE PUT IN A GOOD DAY TO PLAY HOOKY. THIS REPORT
17 WAS MASSIVELY CONFUSING. I HAVE TO ECHO WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
18 SAID NICELY NOT SO NICELY. WE HAVE TO SIMPLY DO BETTER. THIS
19 IS A M LANGE OF CONFUSION, QUITE FRANKLY, AND I DON'T HAVE A
20 SENSE THAT WE'RE REALLY DOING BETTER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO I
21 DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE THAT'S COMING FROM. AND I WOULD
22 SUGGEST THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH
23 TAKE THE POLITICS AND GO FOR A BIKE RIDE ON SOME STOLEN BIKES
24 AND DISCUSS IT. THIS HAS GONE ON AND ON. AN AND IS THERE NO
25 LIMIT ON HOW LONG YOU CAN SPEAK? YOU GIVE US 60 SECONDS AND

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1 IT'S UNBELIEVABLE IT REALLY IS. AND I DO CONCUR WITH THE
2 GENERAL FEELING THAT WE CAN DO BETTER. BUT I'M REALLY
3 SURPRISED. AND WHERE IS THE D.A.? BECAUSE HOW CAN YOU DISCUSS
4 SPLIT SENTENCES WITHOUT THE D.A.? WHY HAS SHE NOT BEEN
5 INVOLVED IN THIS REPORT FROM THE GET GO, AS I'VE SAID? AND WHY
6 IS THIS REPORT CONTINUALLY KICKED DOWN THE CAN, DOWN THE ROAD
7 AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID I HAD NO IDEA THAT WE WERE
8 PAYING \$233,000 PER KID IN THE PROBATION PROGRAM. WELL IT'S
9 TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MISS SARNOFF.

13

14 **RUTH SARNOFF:** WELL, WE CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE A VERY GOOD
15 SITUATION HERE TO DEAL WITH. BUT I THINK-- I JUST WANT TO DEAL
16 WITH PERHAPS A COUPLE OF THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT I THINK WE
17 CAN DO IN THE MIDST OF WHAT I THINK IS-- I HOPE EVERYBODY
18 READS GARRETT'S ARTICLE. I MEAN, HE COVERS D.C.F.S. AND A LOT
19 OF OTHER THINGS. HE IS CERTAINLY A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON.
20 I WOULD SAY RIGHT NOW THAT I THINK WE SHOULD BE THINKING JOBS
21 AND TRAINING. AND WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT HOUSING RENOVATION
22 INSTEAD OF BUILDING HOMES BECAUSE IT TAKES TOO LONG AND WE
23 NEED TO RENOVATE OUR EMPTY HOUSES. AND WE'VE GOT LOTS OF EMPTY
24 PLACES. AND RE-PURPOSING AND CHANGING THE WAY WE LOOK AT IT.
25 USE OUR ALLEYWAYS FOR GARDENS. AND GO SOLAR. WE NEED TO GO

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1 SOLAR RIGHT NOW. IT'S PART OF OUR CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITMENT.
2 AND I JUST THINK WE SHOULD LOOK FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE OUT OF
3 THIS. AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD IGNORE THE NEGATIVE STUFF,
4 EITHER, THAT'S GOING ON. LET'S TALK ABOUT IT SEPARATELY SOME
5 WAY SO THAT WE CAN--

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. GOOD POINTS AGAIN BY THE ONLY RATIONAL
10 SUPERVISOR. AND OF COURSE ANTONOVICH'S FACTS ARE CORRECT.
11 RELEASING PEOPLE WITH NO CONSEQUENCES LIKE MR. BIKE THIEF, IT
12 WAS ON THE NEWS. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE STARTED STEALING
13 BIKES OVER THAT AMOUNT EXCEPT THE LAW ALLOWED HIM. SO HE
14 STARTED UPGRADING HIS THIEVERY TO MORE EXPENSIVE BIKES BECAUSE
15 KNUCKLEHEADS PASS LAWS THAT ALLOW IT. HE WAS ON TELEVISION. HE
16 SAYS YES, I WOULDN'T STEAL BIKES THAT ARE \$900 UNLESS THEY
17 CHANGE THE LAW. THEY DID. SO YOU CAN STEAL AS MANY THINGS AS
18 YOU WANT AS LONG AS IT'S UNDER, JUST TO BE SAFE, \$900. SO ALL
19 THE CRIMINALS IN THE COUNTRY, COME TO CALIFORNIA, COME TO L.A.
20 COUNTY, AS LONG AS YOU STEAL SOMETHING UNDER \$900, YOU'RE
21 GOING TO GET A MERE PARKING TICKET AND NO JAIL TIME.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

24

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ECHOES OF THE
2 PAST FOR SURE. A.B.109, THREE YEARS AGO, SUPER ANTONOVICH, I
3 REMEMBER YOU SPEAKING ABOUT THAT AND SAYING HOW LOONY AND
4 NUTTY, LIKE "STAR TREK," "STAR WARS" BAR SCENE, REMEMBER?
5 STANDING IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO
6 PASS THIS LAW AND LET ALL THESE PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. AMAZING
7 THING ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR STATE LEGISLATURE IS THAT PEOPLE
8 SITTING IN THAT STATE LEGISLATURE, THEIR FUTURE WAS TO COME
9 DOWN TO L.A. COUNTY SIT HERE, AND SIT IN THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. SO THE PEOPLE WHO LET ALL THOSE PEOPLE OUT ARE NOW
11 GOVERNING THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. AND NOBODY EVER TALKS ABOUT
12 PROP 30 AND THE FUNDING AND HOW THAT'S USED. YET YOUR STATE
13 LEGISLATURE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF 2013/'14 SESSION
14 SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PROP 30 FUNDING TO FUND THE RE-
15 ALIGNMENT PROGRAM. DON'T TALK ABOUT IT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
18 MEMBERS, THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. THANK YOU. NO OBJECTION.
19 OKAY. WE WILL NOW GO ON TO ITEM A-5. AN UPDATE ON EL NI O.

20

21 **JEFF REED:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
22 JEFF REED, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR
23 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I'M HERE TO PROVIDE YOU A BRIEF
24 UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S ONGOING EL NI O PREPAREDNESS. SO WHERE
25 IS EL NI O? WELL, IT IS RIGHT HERE ON THE LEFT. IT'S THE OCEAN

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1 TEMPERATURE FOR THE 1998 EL NI O AND ON THE RIGHT IS THE 2016.
2 SO YOU CAN SEE THE STRENGTH OF THIS EVENT IS EVEN GREATER THAN
3 THE 1998 EVENT. BUT THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEANT FOR A
4 WIN/WIN FOR US. SO WHERE IS THE RAIN? WELL IT HAS GONE NORTH
5 OF US AND SOUTH OF US. LOS ANGELES REMAINS BELOW NORMAL FOR
6 THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE ARE AT 4.57 INCHES BELOW NORMAL FOR OUR
7 RAINFALL. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S GREEN
8 MEAN IS ABOVE AVERAGE. SAN DIEGO TO THE SOUTH OF US IS ALSO
9 GREEN, ABOVE AVERAGE. BUT WE HAVE THIS BUBBLE RIGHT ALONG LOS
10 ANGELES WHICH HAS NOT BROUGHT US THE RAIN. ON THE RIGHT IS THE
11 SIERRA SNOW PACK WHICH HAS BEEN 100 PERCENT OF NORMAL. IT
12 SLIPPED JUST A LITTLE LAST WEEK BECAUSE OF THE WARM
13 TEMPERATURES. BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THAT SNOW PACK TO
14 REPLENISH OUR DRINKING SUPPLY. SO WHAT IS THE PREDICTION FOR
15 MARCH AND APRIL AND EVEN MAY? THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS
16 STILL PREDICTING THAT WE COULD END UP WETTER THAN NORMAL. WE
17 SIMPLY HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN
18 RECEIVING A LOT OF RAIN, THERE HAS BEEN NUMEROUS STORMS IN THE
19 PACIFIC AND THAT HAS RESULTED IN A DIRECT IMPACT ON SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA BEACHES, WHICH I ACTUALLY THINK IS THE UNTOLD STORY
21 OF THE 2016 EL NI O. WE HAVE BEEN IN AN ALMOST CONTINUOUS
22 STATE OF HIGH SURF ADVISORY AND WARNINGS ALL WINTER LONG. TO
23 COMBAT THESE CONDITIONS, BEACHES AND HARBORS HAVE BEEN
24 MAINTAINING PROTECTIVE SAND BERMS ON HERMOSA, DOCKWEILER,
25 VENICE AND ZUMA BEACHES. EVEN WITH THESE EFFORTS, THERE HAS

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1 BEEN STORM DAMAGE TO THE BIKE PATH ON DOCKWEILER AND NICHOLAS
2 CANYON BEACH REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO STORM EROSION. FROM THE
3 BEACHES, WE TURN TO OUR INLAND WATERWAYS WE HAVE WHERE WE HAVE
4 HAD AN ONGOING EFFORT UNDERWAY TO ENCOURAGE HOMELESS
5 INDIVIDUALS TO RELOCATE. LIEUTENANT DEITRICH'S UNIT HAS BEEN
6 ACTIVE AND VIGILANT, COMPLETING 12 OUTREACH MISSIONS SINCE OUR
7 LAST REPORT TO THE BOARD. LIEUTENANT DEITRICH AND HIS TEAM
8 WILL CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF ENGAGEMENT DURING BLUE SKY DAYS
9 SUCH AS TODAY, AND WE WILL TAP INTO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S
10 STATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO GET THE EVACUATION WORD
11 OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT STORM. FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
12 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT SEEK SHELTER, WE WILL CONTINUE
13 WITH THE L.A.H.S.A. COUNTY FUNDED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM.
14 BECAUSE OF THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO FUND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE
15 WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM HAS ADDED BED CAPACITY TO
16 ITS SEASONAL PROGRAM WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A VERY LOW
17 INCIDENCE OF ANY CLIENT IN NEED BEING TURNED AWAY. THE PHOTO
18 ON THE LEFT IS ATHENS PARK, ONE OF OUR AUGMENTED WINTER
19 SHELTER SITES. WE HAD A SECOND ACTIVATION IN ATHENS PARK, WHEN
20 THE INGLEWOOD AND WEST L.A. ARMORIES WERE CLOSED FOR NATIONAL
21 GUARD ACTIVITY, AND BY DOING SO, WE PROVIDED SHELTER SERVICES
22 TO 237 INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN UNSHELTERED.
23 FOR SENIORS WHO RESIDE IN DESIGNATED UNINCORPORATED FLOOD ZONE
24 AREAS, COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
25 PUBLIC WORKS TEAMED UP TO IDENTIFY THESE INDIVIDUALS AND

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1 DEVELOP A PLAN WHERE THEIR PROPERTIES COULD BE SURVEYED FOR
2 SANDBAG PLACEMENT. 21 HOME-BOUND SENIORS RECEIVED ASSESSMENTS
3 AND 5 AT-RISK HOMES RECEIVED SANDBAG PLACEMENT. NOW I'LL
4 CONCLUDE MY REMARKS. I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO
5 THESE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTED
6 10,000 SANDBAGS DURING THEIR SANDBAG GIVEAWAYS. PUBLIC WORKS
7 REMAINS EVER VIGILANT INCLUDING ACTIVATING THEIR DEPARTMENT
8 OPERATION CENTER DURING STORM EVENTS AND COORDINATING OVER 70
9 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS. PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES TO
10 ASSESS THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF OUR ADVERSE WEATHER, ESPECIALLY
11 TO OUR OCEAN WATER QUALITY. COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUE
12 TO ENHANCE THE EL NI O WEBSITE INCLUDING SPANISH TRANSLATIONS.
13 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL IS INCREASING THEIR ANIMAL SHELTER
14 CAPACITY. AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT OUR SECOND EMERGENCY
15 OPERATIONS CENTER MANAGEMENT TEAM JUST RETURNED FROM THE
16 F.E.M.A. NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
17 WHERE THEY SPENT A WEEK EXERCISING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FOR
18 EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS. I'M
19 HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ACTUALLY JUST HAVE MORE
22 OF A COMMENT. NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THAT WE ARE SEEING,
23 BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT, A GROWTH IN MOSQUITO POPULATION, A
24 VECTOR. SO I KNOW THAT THAT ALSO IS RELATED TO OUR CLIMATE. I
25 JUST DRAW THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION TO SEE WHAT OTHER REMEDIES

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1 AND THINGS THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING OUT FOR AS WE KIND OF GO
2 THROUGH THIS DRY WEATHER BUT ALSO AT TIMES DOWNPOURS.

3

4 **JEFF REED:** CORRECT. AND THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, FOR BRINGING
5 ATTENTION TO STANDING WATER. WE ALWAYS WANT TO ADVISE ALL OF
6 OUR VIEWERS TO ELIMINATE ANY POOLS OF STANDING WATER ON THEIR
7 PROPERTIES. AND WE WILL TOUCH BASE WITH HEALTH AND VECTOR
8 CONTROL TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE BEING VIGILANT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. ANY
11 MEMBERS? NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **JEFF REED.:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I DO HAVE SOME
16 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE RUTH SARNOFF, ARNOLD
17 SACHS AND WAYNE. RUTH. GO AHEAD.

18

19 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I THINK THIS IS NOT A TIME TO WAIT AND SEE. IT'S
20 A TIME TO PREPARE AND INFORM THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WHAT
21 THE PLAN IS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. I'M NOT EVEN SURE
22 IF THE PEOPLE HERE KNOW WHAT IT IS. BUT WE NEED A PLAN.
23 BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO EVACUATE. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE
24 SLEEPING ON THE STREET. EVERY BIT OF WATER THAT WASHES, IF IT
25 COMES THROUGH HERE HARD, IT'S GOING TO WASH AND CLOSE A LOT OF

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1 STORM DRAINS. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE SUFFERING
2 FROM COLD AND FROM BEING WET FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. AND
3 WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN VERY-- IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO
4 PLAN AS IF. THAT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW. YOU NOW
5 HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE IF SOME SYSTEMS ARE WORKING. AND AT LEAST
6 GET THEM STARTED. BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO LOOK BETTER NEXT
7 YEAR OR THE NEXT YEAR EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE AN ACTIVE EL NI O
8 SITUATION HERE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT?

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IT'S REAL. 46374 LAKE HUGHES ROAD, MY RANCH,
13 THAT'S REAL. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH THAT WATER. IT COMES
14 DOWN NOW. AND THIS IS BECAUSE DRAINAGE WAS NOT CLEARED ON OUR
15 ROADS. AND THE PUBLIC LANDS ABUTTING OUR LANDS DO NOT HAVE
16 DRAINAGE REMEDIATION. NOW I'VE GOT MY WATER SYSTEMS DESTROYED
17 ON MY PROPERTY. NO ONE ELSE.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.

20

21 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IT IS, [EXPLITIVE]. AND IT IS BECAUSE IT'S
22 REAL, OKAY-- I'M SERIOUSLY INTERRUPTED WHEN I TALK ABOUT EL NI
23 O STORMS.

24

25 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, AT THIS TIME, SIR,.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU WERE TOLD TO STAY ON TOPIC AND
3 YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND. (OFF MIC. COMMENT). THANK YOU.
4 ARNOLD SACHS.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
7 AND THE EL NI O STORMS, THE GENTLEMAN MADE THE PRESENTATION
8 ABOUT HOW IT'S AFFECTING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SAN DIEGO.
9 YOU MIGHT HAVE ALLOCATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FUNDING, EXCESS
10 FUNDING OR EXTRA FUNDING TO REMEDIATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS
11 THAT WERE CAUSED BY SOME OF THE MAJOR STORMS. BUT WE HAVEN'T
12 HAD THOSE MAJOR STORMS. YET. NOT IN DECEMBER. NOT IN JANUARY.
13 AND SO FAR NOT IN FEBRUARY. SO HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE YOU
14 ACTUALLY SAVED BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T HAD TO ACTIVATE ANY KIND OF
15 ALERT SYSTEMS, WARNING SYSTEMS, DO ANY KIND OF SHOVELING?
16 WELL, SHOVELING IS A DIFFERENT STORY. BUT REMOVING THE RUNOFF.
17 HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE YOU ACTUALLY SAVED? WE HAVEN'T HAD A
18 REPORT ON THAT. AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT YOU OPENED UP?
19 LIKE 100 EXTRA? AND YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT MOSQUITOES. IS THERE
20 A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE ACTIVITY OF ATTORNEYS? I KNOW
21 COUNTY COUNSEL IS ALWAYS YAPPING BUT JUST WONDERING BECAUSE I
22 HAVE A QUOTE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS IS JUST REPORT. RECEIVE
25 AND FILE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARRY
3 SEGAL, FATHER OF FORMER MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER MICKEY SEGAL OF
4 ARCADIA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
5 MEMBER OF THE PASADENA TEMPLE AND CENTER. AND HE IS SURVIVED
6 BY HIS THREE SONS. BARBARA SIKES, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
7 BURBANK, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 55. SHE WAS SURVIVED BY HER
8 HUSBAND, THE FORMER MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DAVID GOLONSKI, REAL
9 FINE MAN. GOOD FAMILY. AND SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE
10 COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AT THE BOYS & GIRLS
11 CLUB, THE FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY OF BURBANK AND THE BURBANK
12 COORDINATING COUNCIL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY DAVE AND HER THREE
13 CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. A GOOD FRIEND TO ALL OF US AND
14 I'LL HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THIS. WILBERT WYCKOFF PASSED AWAY WHO
15 IS TONY'S FATHER WHO WORKS IN OUR AUDIO/VISUAL DEPARTMENT AND
16 DOES ALL OF OUR AUDIO/VISUAL AT THE BOARD. HE PASSED AWAY AT
17 THE AGE OF 92. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE
18 SERVED HIS COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II AND HE IS SURVIVED BY
19 HIS FOUR CHILDREN. SISTER MARGARET SPILLER OF THE HOLY NAMES
20 OF JESUS AND MARY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. HER MINISTRY
21 INCLUDED SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL AND RAMONA CONVENT SECONDARY
22 SCHOOL IN ALHAMBRA. SHE SERVED AS THE PROVINCIAL LEADER OF THE
23 SISTERS IN CALIFORNIA UNTIL 2006. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
24 SISTER AND FOUR BROTHERS. A LONG TIME FRIEND, SHE WAS A
25 SURVIVOR OF THE HOLOCAUST, DIANE JACOBS, PASSED AWAY AT THE

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1 AGE OF 94. SHE WAS PART OF THE RESISTANCE IN THE GRUNWALD,
2 GERMANY IN 1938. DURING WORLD WAR II SHE WORKED BEVERLY HILLS
3 FOR OVER 35 YEARS SHE WAS ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE REPUBLICAN
4 JEWISH COALITION AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. BIOGRAPHY OF HER
5 LIFE. THE "ESCAPE FROM BERLIN: THE DIANE JACOBS STORY" WAS
6 PUBLISHED IN 2008. THE HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT ROBERTSON PASSED
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. A GRADUATE OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND
8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE
9 BENCH IN 1979 AND THEN TO THE APPELLATE COURT. HE IS A JUSTICE
10 OF THE COURT OF APPEAL IN 1988. AND HE WAS PRESIDING JUDGE
11 FROM 1991 THROUGH 1996. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS
12 AND THEIR DAUGHTER. JUDGE DANIEL BRENNER PASSED AWAY AT THE
13 AGE TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 64. HE EARNED HIS GRADUATE
14 DEGREES FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND STANFORD LAW SCHOOL. HE
15 PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A TOP ADVISER TO TWO FEDERAL
16 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CHAIRMEN, WAS A LECTURER AT THE
17 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF LAW AND A FACULTY
18 MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND ALSO
19 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER. AND HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF
20 REGULATORY DEPARTMENT AT THE CABLE, NATIONAL CABLE
21 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION. SERGEANT HERBERT FELL, RETIRED
22 SERGEANT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
23 STEVEN BATE, RETIRED DEPUTY, ALSO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
24 NAVY. DEPUTY EUGENE MORGAN WAS MEMBER OF THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, RETIRING IN 1996. THE HONORABLE DREW LEWIS PASSED

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1 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS THE FIRST SECRETARY OF
2 TRANSPORTATION FOR PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND HELD SENIOR
3 POSITIONS IN THE '80 YEAR TRANSITION, THE REAGAN-BUSH
4 TRANSITION TEAM. STEVEN ALLEN STONE OF MONROVIA. WORKED 34
5 YEARS AS A QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR IN AEROSPACE. COURTNEY
6 GARY WORE OF COVINA, SERVED SIX YEARS IN THE NAVY DURING
7 VIETNAM. WAS AN ENGINEER, BUSINESS OWNER AND MEMBER OF THE
8 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. HONORED AS THE
9 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR IN 2014. VINCENT PULITO OF COVINA. HE WAS
10 30 YEARS WITH THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SERVED IN THE
11 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. AND MORNA
12 STARLINE "STAR" STILLING, SANTA CLARITA. SHE WAS A SUCCESSFUL
13 CAREER IN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, RETIRING AS A SUBCONTRACT
14 ADMINISTRATOR FOR NORTHROP GRUMMAN. SHE WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF
15 THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWHALL WHERE SHE WAS A
16 DEACON. AND ROBERT DAUT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA.
17 HE SERVED AS THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOR 28 YEARS AS A MASTER
18 SERGEANT AND A 30-YEAR CAREER WITH WESTLAND GRAPHICS. ACTIVE
19 MEMBER OF THE VALENCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND VOLUNTEERED
20 FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS.
21 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SON. THEN I WOULD LIKE TO BRING
22 IN A MOTION RIGHT NOW. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD MAKE A
23 FINDING THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION
24 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AND THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION
25 CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD AFTER THE POSTING OF THE

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1 AGENDA AND PLACED ON THIS AGENDA FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION FOR
2 CONSIDERING OF ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, INITIATION OF
3 LITIGATION, ONE CASE.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. THERE'S NO
6 OBJECTION TO THAT THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR THAT IN CLOSED
7 SESSION. THANK YOU. I'M NEXT. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT ALSO. AND
8 I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVEN
9 STUCKY. MR. STEVEN STUCKY WAS AN ACCLAIMED COMPOSER,
10 CONDUCTOR, TEACHER AND AUTHOR WHOSE WORK WAS WIDELY
11 COMMISSIONED BY MAJOR ORCHESTRAS AROUND THE WORLD. IN 1988 HE
12 WAS APPOINTED COMPOSER IN RESIDENCE WITH THE LOS ANGELES
13 PHILHARMONIC, A POST HE HELD FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, THE
14 LONGEST SUCH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A COMPOSER AND AN AMERICAN
15 ORCHESTRA ON RECORD. HE PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN CHANGING
16 L.A. AUDIENCES' RELATIONSHIP TO CONTEMPORARY CLASSICAL MUSIC
17 WHERE HE, MR. STUCKY, FOUNDED THE L.A. PHIL'S FELLOWSHIP
18 PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND REGULARLY CONDUCTED THE
19 PHIL'S NEW MUSIC GROUP AND ALSO ENSEMBLE X, A CONTEMPORARY
20 MUSIC ENSEMBLE HE FOUNDED IN 1997. HE WAS AWARDED THE PULITZER
21 PRIZE IN 2005 FOR HIS SECOND CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA WHICH WAS
22 COMMISSIONED BY THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC. REVIEWING THE
23 PREMIER OF THE PIECE IN 2004 AT WALT DISNEY HALL, "THE LOS
24 ANGELES TIMES" DESCRIBED IT AS "A COLORFUL, DELIGHT BRINGING
25 SCORE WITH THE FIELD OF MUSIC WE KNOW WELL, LOVINGLY REPLANNED

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1 TO CHARM IN NEW SURROUNDINGS." STEVEN STUCKY WILL BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR ALL HIS-- THAT HE ACCOMPLISHED MUSICALLY AND
3 HIS STUDENTS WILL CARRY FORWARD HIS LEGACY. MORE THAN THAT, HE
4 WAS BELOVED BY EVERYONE HE EVER MET. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
5 WIFE, CHRISTIANE FRAY STUCKY AND SON MATTHEW AND DAUGHTER
6 MARA. ALSO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR
7 APPROVAL. AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS. "ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 2016,
8 MR. LOZANO GALVAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH AT 955 SOUTH LA VERNE
9 AVENUE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. TO DATE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE CASE
11 HAVE RECEIVED NO VIABLE CLUES REGARDING THE INCIDENT.
12 INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A REWARD WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN THIS
13 CASE AND HOPE THAT BY OFFERING A REWARD, WITNESSES WITH
14 INFORMATION WILL BE MOTIVATED TO COME FORWARD TO HELP
15 APPREHEND AND CONVICT THE SUSPECTS IN THIS HEINOUS CRIME. I
16 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFER A REWARD IN
17 THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
18 THE APPREHENSION AND/OR CONVICTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR
19 THE MURDER OF LORENZO GALVAN WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HIS LIFE ON
20 FEBRUARY 22ND, 2016." CONTACTS, L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
21 HOMICIDE BUREAU OFFICE, 323-890-5500, OR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
22 CRIME STOPPERS HOTLINE 800-222-TIPS. TIPS IS 8477. I'D LIKE TO
23 MOVE THAT. WE HAVE A SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SECOND. SUCH
24 WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT UP, WE HAVE
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS, WOULD YOU JOIN ME
3 IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. HERALD
4 GURDIS, BORN JANUARY 19, 1929 IN COFFEEVILLE, KANSAS AND
5 PASSED ON FEBRUARY 18TH IN ARIZONA AT THE AGE OF 87. HE MOVED
6 TO CALIFORNIA WITH HIS FAMILY AND GRADUATED FROM COMPTON HIGH
7 IN 1947 AND IN 1949 HE JOINED THE U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE AND
8 SERVED HONORABLY IN THE KOREAN WAR IN JAPAN AS A MEMBER OF THE
9 452 LIGHT BOMB WING. IN 1953 HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE
10 JANET AND THEY SHARED 58 YEARS TOGETHER BEFORE SHE PASSED IN
11 2012. MR. GURDIS ENJOYED VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CADETS OF THE
12 CIVIL AIR PATROL AS A SQUADRON COMMANDER IN ILLINOIS AND IN
13 ARIZONA. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SECOND-- AS THE SECOND VICE
14 PRESIDENT OF THE H. EDWARDS CHAPTER OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS
15 ASSOCIATION IN PRESCOTT, ARIZONA. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
16 HIS LOVE OF HIS FAMILY AND THE OUTDOORS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
17 DAUGHTERS KAREN, SHARON, DIANE, LAURA, AS WELL AS KATHLEEN
18 AUSTRIA WHO AS YOU KNOW IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF,
19 SONS BRIAN, ERIC, GLEN, STEVEN, JEFFREY, MICHAEL AND MARK, HIS
20 BROTHERS ARTHUR AND LEWIS, HIS SISTER SKIPPY, 24 GRANDCHILDREN
21 AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.
22 VERNON HERALD GURDIS. AND IF YOU WOULD JOIN ME IN MEMBERS AND
23 COLLEAGUE, REMEMBERING THE REVEREND DR. CORNISH ROGERS, BORN
24 DECEMBER 3, 1929 IN NEW YORK CITY AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY 5TH
25 AT THE AGE OF 86. HE GRADUATED FROM THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF

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1 SCIENCE IN AND MATRICULATED THROUGH UNIVERSITY IN MADISON, NEW
2 JERSEY EARNING A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN 1957. HE EARNED
3 HIS THEOLOGICAL DEGREE IN EDUCATION AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
4 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND DID FURTHER GRADUATE WORK IN UNION
5 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NEW YORK. 1954 HE BEGAN HIS PASTORAL
6 MINISTRY SERVING SEVERAL CHURCHES IN BOSTON, NEW YORK AND
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1955 HE MARRIED ELSIE DANIELS AND THEY
8 HAD ONE SON, DAVID. IN 1970, AFTER SEVERAL YEARS AS A PASTOR
9 OF THE WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, HE BECAME A NEWS EDITOR
10 AT THE "CHRISTIAN CENTURY" MAGAZINE AND TRAVELED AROUND THE
11 WORLD. DR. ROGERS WAS A GUEST LECTURER AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
12 AT SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES, U.C.L.A. EXTENSION, GARRETT
13 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, UNION GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FOR THE
14 DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO SEMINARY. HE
15 WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED WRITER AND CONTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL
16 MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS INCLUDING THE "CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE OF
17 RELIGION" AND "LIFE," "LOS ANGELES TIMES" AND THE "CHICAGO
18 SUN-TIMES," JUST TO NAME A FEW. HE CONTRIBUTED TO A CHAPTER IN
19 THE BOOK "CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY," A PROJECT WITH
20 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY. IN
21 1977 HE BECAME THE PASTOR OF THE CLAREMONT UNITED METHODIST
22 CHURCH AND SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT CLAREMONT SCHOOL
23 OF THEOLOGY WHERE HE WAS APPOINTED ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF
24 PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND URBAN MINISTRIES. HE DISTINGUISHED
25 HIMSELF AS THE PROFESSOR OF THE E. STANLEY JONES PROFESSORS OF

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1 EVANGELISM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, ELSIE, HIS
2 SON DAVID, SISTER-IN-LAW, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND A HOST OF
3 FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL SURELY MISS HIM. MADAME CHAIR
4 AND COLLEAGUES, PLEASE JOIN ME IN MEMORY OF FATHER MATTHEW S.
5 DELANEY, BORN NOVEMBER 26TH, 1927 IN IRELAND AND PASSED IN LOS
6 ANGELES ON FEBRUARY 5TH AT THE AGE OF 88. HE STUDIED THEOLOGY
7 AT ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY IN CAMARILLO, EARNED A BACHELOR'S
8 DEGREE FROM IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE. MASTER'S OF SCIENCE FROM
9 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY FROM OHIO
10 STATE. IN 1947 HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES. IN '51 HE WAS
11 ORDAINED AS A PRIEST FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND
12 ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC DIOCESE. FATHER
13 DELANEY WAS AWARDED A GRANT BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
14 FROM PRINCETON. IN 1960 HE WAS AN EXCELLENT MATHEMATICIAN. HE
15 UNDERSTOOD PHYSICS AND HE TAUGHT IN THOSE AREAS THAT
16 IMMACULATE HEART. IT WAS AT IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE WHERE I
17 MET HIM IN THE '70S, AND HE SERVED THERE AS THE ASSISTANT
18 ACADEMIC DEAN. HE WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF WAYS.
19 AND MADE THOSE THINGS KNOWN. A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. A KIND
20 PERSON. OBVIOUSLY INTELLIGENT, AND WITH EXTRAORDINARY MODESTY
21 AT THIS IN TERMS OF HIS MATHEMATICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND I
22 WISH TO SAY THAT MANY OF US WHO KNEW HIM CAME TO RESPECT HIM
23 AND WILL INDEED MISS HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER
24 PATRICK, HIS SISTER MARGARET, HIS COUSIN NELCY AND NEPHEWS
25 PATRICK, JOSEPH AND BILLY AND MANY FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND

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1 STUDENTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART AND MOUNT ST. MARY UNIVERSITY
2 COMMUNITIES WHO WILL ALL MISS FATHER MATTHEW DELANEY. MADAME
3 CHAIR, MAY I THEN ADD MY VOICE SECOND TO THE MOTION BY
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT LEWIS ROBERSON
5 AS HE ADJOURNED EARLIER. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RON ROGERS, PUBLIC
11 RELATIONS EXECUTIVE, VERY INFLUENTIAL IN L.A. CIVIC AFFAIRS,
12 DIED ON FEBRUARY 19TH. HE HELPED SHAPE THE IMAGES WELL- KNOWN
13 BRANDS, COCA-COLA, HONDA, KELLOGG'S. HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN
14 SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, USING HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEWS
15 MEDIA TO BRING ATTENTION TO AND RAISE FUNDS FOR SUCH IMPORTANT
16 ORGANIZATIONS AS THE RAPE TREATMENT CENTER AT U.C.L.A. SANTA
17 MONICA HOSPITAL TO WHOM HE DEVOTED QUITE A BIT OF TIME AND
18 ENERGY AND THE RESOURCES OF HIS FIRM. HE HELPED LAUNCH THE
19 L.A. POLICE FOUNDATION, WHICH RAISES MONEY FOR L.A.P.D. AND
20 THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE, THE CHAIR OF THE MUSIC CENTER BOARD, LISA SPECHT. I ASK
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY WEAVER
23 DODSON. SHE DIED ON FEBRUARY 15TH. T.V. ART DIRECTOR, WORKED
24 ON JOHNNY CARSON'S "TONIGHT SHOW." "JACK BENNY HOUR," "TAXI,"
25 "FALCON CREST," "FULL HOUSE," "COLOMBO," AND "MURDER, SHE

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1 WROTE." SHE WAS NOMINATED FOR FOUR EMMY AWARDS FOR TELEVISION
2 ART DIRECTION. SHE WAS ALSO THE FIRST WOMAN TO BECOME A MEMBER
3 OF THE SOCIETY OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION ART DIRECTORS.
4 SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS, AMY DODSON AND CHRISTINA
5 DODSON. AND TWO BROTHERS, DANIEL WEAVER AND THE ACTOR FRITZ
6 WEAVER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF JUANITA ADAMINA, AN ACTRESS WHOSE SCREEN NAME WAS JO
8 DE WINTER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 17TH. SHE FIRST CAME TO
9 HOLLYWOOD UNDER CONTRACT WITH DAVID O. SELZNICK AND OVER HER
10 CAREER SHE WORKED WITH DIRECTORS CLINT EASTWOOD, HAL ASHBY,
11 MARTIN RITT AND SIDNEY FURIE. HER BROADWAY DEBUT WAS IN
12 "CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD." SHE CONTINUED TO ACT INTO HER
13 LATER LIFE. AND HER MOST RECENT ROLE WAS IN THE INDEPENDENT
14 FEATURE FILM "MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7" WHICH IS DUE TO BE RELEASED
15 THIS YEAR. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER ROBIN SHAFFER. AND I
16 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RABBI
17 YEHOASHUA GORDON, JOSH GORDON WHO LED THE 40 YEAR GROWTH OF THE
18 CHABAD LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND DIED
19 ON FEBRUARY 8. IN 1973 AT THE BEST OF THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE,
20 RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON OF BLESSED MEMORY, HE MOVED TO
21 CALIFORNIA AND ESTABLISHED CHABAD IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.
22 FROM THE BASE OF ENCINO, GORDON OVERSAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF 26
23 CHABAD CENTERS AS WELL AS HEBREW SCHOOLS, ADULT EDUCATION
24 INSTITUTES AND SUMMER CAMPS. IN RECENT YEARS, HE BECAME THE
25 HOST OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST DAILY TORAH CLASSES, WHICH WERE

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1 LIVE STREAMED THROUGH CHABAD.ORG. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
2 DEBORAH, HIS CHILDREN RABBI YOSSE GORDON, YOCHANAN GORDON,
3 FAYGIE HERTZOG, ELI GORDON, DENA RABIN, CHAYA MUSHKA DRIZIN,
4 21 GRANDCHILDREN AND 35 EMISSARY COUPLES WHO CONTINUE TO CARE
5 FOR THE SAN FERNANDO'S 250,000 JEWS. FINALLY I ASK THAT WHEN
6 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DANIEL REED GERSON,
7 WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 6TH. HE WAS 49. HE CO-WROTE THE SCREEN
8 PLAY FOR "MONSTERS INC." AND "MONSTERS UNIVERSITY" AS WELL AS
9 "BIG HERO 6" WHICH WON THE OSCAR FOR BEST ANIMATED FILM LAST
10 YEAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BEAU STACOM, AND HIS TWO
11 CHILDREN CLAIRE AND ASHER. AND MADAME CHAIR I'D LIKE TO READ
12 IN A MOTION FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND VOTE NEXT REGULAR
13 MEETING NEXT TUESDAY MARCH 1ST. RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY. AND
14 THE MOTION READS, "DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
15 CREATE A CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER UNIT WITHIN THE C.E.O.
16 WITH REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE C.E.O. AND TO THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS. THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER SHALL HAVE
18 THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS MOTION AND SHALL HAVE THE
19 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT,
20 ADOPTION AND REGULAR UPDATES TO THE COUNTYWIDE SUSTAINABILITY
21 PLAN WHICH SHALL INCORPORATE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE WORK OF
22 THE SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL AS DESCRIBED IN BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS' POLICY 3.045. THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
24 SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL TO DEVELOP THE

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1 SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF A
2 COUNTYWIDE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND SHALL INCLUDE FINAL AND
3 INTERIM GOALS, METRICS AND TIMELINES AS APPROPRIATE. THE CHIEF
4 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTAL HEADS AND THE
5 SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON
6 COUNTY-WIDE AND DEPARTMENTAL COMPLIANCE WITH A COUNTY-WIDE
7 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED AND SHALL SERVE AS
8 THE COUNTY'S POINT PERSON. AND WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT A
10 REPORT IN 60 DAYS THAT DETAILS THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
11 OF THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER UNIT ALONG WITH A
12 RECOMMENDATION ON NEW OR TRANSFERRED COUNTY POSITIONS AND
13 BUDGETARY RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THE UNIT AND A TIMELINE FOR
14 EXPEDIENTLY HIRING NEW STAFF." THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
17 ORDER. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU. WITH
18 THAT, MEMBERS, I HAVE A REQUEST BY A PUBLIC MEMBER TO SPEAK ON
19 C.S.-6. WE HAVE WAYNE FROM ENCINO.

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21 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THE SNEAKINESS NOW OF TAKING ADJOURNMENTS AND
22 THEN TYING SPECIAL ITEMS INTO THE ADJOURNMENTS AND EVERYBODY'S
23 ASLEEP. (SNORING).

24

25 **MARY WICKER, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, WELL HOW IS IT THAT YOU CAN COMMENT IN
3 THOSE ADJOURNMENTS AND AS A PROCEDURAL MATTER PUT SPECIAL
4 MOTIONS.

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6 **MARY WICKER, COUNSEL:** SIR, C.S.-6 INVOLVES ANTICIPATED
7 LITIGATION.

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9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, BUT IT'S NOT ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. SO
10 WHY ARE YOU MIXING C.S.-6 WITH ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THE
13 ITEM.

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15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING. THE PROCESS ITSELF
16 VIOLATES THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT, THE WAY THIS IS BEING DONE.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COUNSEL?

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20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IT WAS CATEGORIZED AS A PRESENTATION WHEN IT
21 SHOULD BE--

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23 **MARY WICKER, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER. THANK YOU.
2 TIME'S UP. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS. WE WILL TURN NOW TO PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS. JOSE MARTINEZ. AMOS CLARK. ERIC PREVEN.
4 HATOSHA DRUMGOOLE. OSCAR MOHAMMED. RUTH SARNOFF. WAYNE FROM
5 ENCINO. TOSHIKO WALLACE. LARRY JACOBS.

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7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THERE WE ARE, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR
8 COUNTY COUNSEL IS OUT OF CONTROL. THIS MEETING IS OUT OF
9 CONTROL. WHEN YOU START HAVING SPECIAL MOTIONS BROUGHT IN
10 UNDER THE GUISE, IN THE MEMORY OF. NOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO A
11 SPECIAL MOTION, DO IT BEFORE OR AFTER THAT SO THE PUBLIC HAS
12 REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON IT IF THEY WISH TO.
13 BECAUSE THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AUTHORIZES THAT. BUT YOU GUYS,
14 YOU'RE DOWN TO ONE MINUTE. YOU'RE CRIMINALIZING THIS BOARD AS
15 A FUNCTION JUST LIKE HERB WESSON, JR. DOES ACROSS THE STREET
16 OVER THERE AT L.A. CITY HALL. AND THAT'S WHY THERE'S A GRAND
17 JURY OVER THERE. PRETTY SOON YOU'RE GOING TO GET ONE, TOO, I
18 THINK, BECAUSE THIS HAS TO STOP. YOU'RE GOING TO PUT DONALD
19 TRUMP IN AS THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF CRAP LIKE THIS. PEOPLE
20 ARE JUST FRUSTRATED. THEY'RE FED UP. START REPRESENTING US.
21 INSTEAD OF FIGHTING THE PEOPLE, REPRESENT THE PEOPLE FOR ONCE.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RUTH SARNOFF.

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SOME CONSIDERATION
2 AROUND PORTER RANCH IS GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR TESTING OF BOTH
3 SOIL AND WATER. BECAUSE THIS DIDN'T GO ON FOR THREE MONTHS
4 WITHOUT EFFECTS ON SOIL AND WATER. AND IF YOU DON'T ASK FOR
5 SOMETHING WITHIN THE RIGHT TIME PERIOD, THEN IT NEVER GETS
6 THERE. THEY SAY, OH, YOU DIDN'T DO IT IN TIME. SO I'M TRYING
7 TO RAISE THOSE QUESTIONS. I THINK THERE'S A NEED ONCE AGAIN
8 FOR BLOOD TESTING. AT EXIDE, AT PORTER RANCH, AT THE FACILITY
9 THAT'S NEAR U.S.C. AT THE REFINERIES. AND BY THE WAY, EXIDE
10 HAS 32 BATTERY PLANTS THAT ARE TOTALLY SOLVENT AND TWO
11 RECYCLING PLANTS. WHY THE STATE IS PAYING \$133 MILLION IN
12 CLEANUP FOR WHAT CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE AT LEAST HELD
13 RESPONSIBLE AS WE CAN?

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RUTH. NEXT SPEAKER? MA'AM?
16 YES, MA'AM.

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18 **MARY JACOBS:** HI, IS THIS ME?

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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22 **MARY JACOBS:** MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF
23 YOU WOULD CONSIDER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP TO ENDORSE
24 BERNIE SANDERS. I KNOW YOU LIKE SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH PLANS. AND
25 I ALSO KNOW THAT THIS IS THE "LEFT" COAST. I'M GOING TO

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1 PRETEND I'M ON THE "GONG SHOW" NOW. [SINGING] BERNIE, BERNE,
2 BERNIE VOTES. BERNIE SANDERS. BRING US A DREAM. MAKE THE REAL
3 AMERICAN DREAM. END ALL THOSE CROOKED PAID FOR ELECTIONS AND
4 WE WILL SHOWER YOU WITH AFFECTION. LET'S SEND THAT BOZO RIGHT
5 BACK TO THE ZOO. TRUMP HAS A PROBLEM WITH-- OH, WAIT. HEALTHY
6 PLANET, FIELD COLLEGE TOO. LET'S SEND THAT BOZO RIGHT BACK TO
7 THE ZOO. TRUMP HAS A PROBLEM WITH DEAR POPE FRANCIS. IMAGINE
8 HOW HE'D ANGER PUTIN'S MASSES. VOTING SANDERS, GIVE HIM A
9 CHANCE. KICK UP OUR HEELS AND DANCE DANCE DANCE. INAUGURATION
10 TO BRING--

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON.

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16 **MARY JACOBS:** I KNOW. BUT I TRIED.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MY TIME IS RUNNING. (OFF MIC COMMENTS.)

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. SORRY

25 THAT I HAD TO LEAVE EARLY LAST WEEK. JUST GOT FED UP WITH

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1 LISTENING. I WANTED TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT THE FIASCO
2 WITH THE EX-SHERIFF LEE BACA. I'M REMINDED OF ARLO GUTHRIE IN
3 "ALICE'S RESTAURANT." HE GOT 30 DAYS FOR LITTERING. AND THE
4 SHERIFF, ONE OF THE SIX TOP ELECTED OFFICIALS IN L.A. COUNTY,
5 ONE MISDEMEANOR, ONE FELONY CONVICTION FOR LYING IN A GRAND
6 JURY. THAT'S TERRIBLE. FIVE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS GOT
7 NOTHING. THE GOOD NEWS THOUGH, THE ALISO CANYON GAS STORAGE
8 FACILITY, THE LEAK HAS BEEN STOPPED. SO MAYBE THOSE PEOPLE CAN
9 COME DOWN HERE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND FIGURE OUT HOW
10 TO PUT A CORK AROUND A HORSESHOE TO STOP SOME OF THE GAS THAT
11 COMES OUT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NOW THAT WOULD BE A
12 MIRACLE.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. AT THIS TIME,
15 MEMBERS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL READ US INTO-- AT THIS
16 TIME, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL READ US INTO EXECUTIVE
17 SESSION.

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19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
22 NOS. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
23 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE
24 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
25 LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE

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1 EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
2 NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON
3 THE POSTED AGENDA. IN ADDITION THE BOARD MADE A FINDING OF
4 URGENCY AND THE NEED TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-6, INITIATION OF
5 LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9. THANK
6 YOU.

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